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SOME OLD ENGLISH LETTERS.

WITH NOTES BY MCHENRY HOWARD

These old letters from England in the early part of the 18th century, now yellow and sere and with some parts more or less illegible or missing, have come down in the family of the person to whom they were written with the following memoranda:

"For Miss Taney

Family papers rearranged and added to from other sources with a reiteration of the request below. Frank M. Etting

December 1869

For Mrs. A. Taney

Baltimore

From Henry Maynadier, who requests that Mrs. Taney may preserve the enclosed old papers in her family."

Colonel Henry Maynadier, who is said to have been born 31 March 1759 and who died in 1849 at his residence in Annapolis, Md., on St. Anne's Church Circle, on the site of which is now the United States building, was the surviving husband of Elizabeth (Key) Maynadier, (b. 10 August 1759, md. 26 July 1781, d. — 1832) who was the third child and only daughter of Francis Key (b. 1731-2, d. November 1770) and Anne Arnold (Ross) Key (b. 9 October 1727, md. 12 Dec. 1752, d. 5 Jan.

1811) who was the eldest of the only two daughters and children of John Ross (born in England 13 Aug. 1696, d. in Annapolis 18 Sep. 1766) and Alicia (Arnold) Ross (born in London 18 October 1700, md. at St. James's Church, Westminster, 20 October 1720, died at Annapolis 9 July 1746) to whom the letters were written. And Mrs. Elizabeth (Key) Maynadier was an adopted daughter of her Aunt Mrs. Elizabeth (Ross) Scott (b. 30 October 1730, md. 10 August 1759, d. 7 Sept. 1819), the only other child of John and Alicia (Arnold) Ross, who had married Dr. Upton Scott (b. 1 Jan. 1724, d. 23 Feb. 1814) and who had no children surviving infancy.

The only two children of Henry and Elizabeth (Key) Maynadier had died in early infancy, and so Colonel Maynadier, surviving husband, passed the letters back for preservation in his wife's family where they properly belonged.

For the "Mrs. Taney" of his request was Mrs. Ann Phœbe Charlton (Key) Taney (b. 13 June 1783, md. 7 June 1806, d. 29 Sept. 1855), one of the two children surviving infancy of John Ross Key (b. 19 Sep. 1754, d. 12 or 13 October 1821) and Ann Phœbe Penn Dagworthy (Charlton) Key, (b. 6 Feb. 1756, md. 19 Oct. 1775, d. 8 July 1830). The other child was her brother Francis Scott Key, author of "The Star-Spangled Banner, (b. 1 Aug. 1779, d. 11 Jan. 1843.) John Ross Key was the eldest of the three children of the above named Francis and Anne Arnold (Ross) Key and so a brother of Elizabeth (Key) Maynadier. The husband of Mrs. Ann Phœbe Charlton (Key) Taney was Chief Justice Roger B. Taney (b. 17 Mch. 1777, d. 12 Oct. 1864,) and they left five surviving children—daughters. "Miss Taney" was Ellen M. Taney, the only unmarried one of these five. Major Frank Marx Etting (d. about 1890) had married Alice Campbell (whom he survived), a daughter of James Mason Campbell and Anne A. (Taney) Campbell, another of the above surviving daughters.

On the death of Miss Ellen M. Taney (26 Sept. 1871) the letters appear to have passed to her sister, Mrs. Maria K. (Taney) Allison, for at the death of the latter (about 1890) her

surviving husband, the late Major Richard Taylor Allison, left them with me for a while and I copied them; but making much more exact copies a few years afterwards. Major Allison then gave them to his wife's sister, Mrs. Elizabeth M. (Taney) Stevenson, at whose death they passed to her niece, Miss Amy Campbell, the only living child of Mrs. Anne A. (Taney) Campbell, who, I suppose, still has them.

Major Frank M. Etting, who took much interest in his wife's family history, says in some rough notes which were once placed in my hands and from which I made copies, that John Ross came to Maryland in 1721 and his wife, Alicia (Arnold) Ross in 1722. But from a letter of Benedict Leonard Calvert in Vol. 3 of the *Maryland Historical Magazine*, page 209, dated 12 Sept. 1723 and stating that Mrs. Ross was preparing to go to Maryland the latter part of that month or the beginning of the next, and another letter on page 219, dated 16 May 1724, stating that she had arrived there, it is probable that Mrs. Alicia (Arnold) Ross came over in the latter part of 1723, which seems to be corroborated by the first sentence of the first of the following letters. As she was related to the Calverts—as will appear presently—her husband may have been sent over with promised employment in the colony, and very likely by the influence of Charles Lowe in London, who was at the same time a relation and agent or counsellor of Lord Baltimore and a relation and adviser of Mrs. Helen (Wolseley) Sprat, Mrs. Ross's great-aunt. And he did have several offices, including that of Clerk of the Council, to which he was appointed 31 May 1732 and which he held (together with other offices at the same time) until in his old age he resigned it, on 15 December 1764, in favor of his son-in-law, Dr. Upton Scott. He died in Annapolis on 18 September 1766 and the *Maryland Gazette* of Thursday, September 25th has this notice:

“Thursday evening last, departed this Life at his House in Town John Ross Esq: a Gentleman who had served the Public with unblemish'd Reputation in numerous Stations. At the time of his Death he was one of the Aldermen of this City and

Lord Baltimore's Deputy Agent, having given up his other Public Employments some years since on an attack of an Apoplectic kind, a Renewal of which now carried him off in the LXXIst year of his age. Mr. Ross had been a widower above Twenty years, was a tender Parent, indulgent master and kind neighbor."

Major Etting's rough notes say that he was son of Henry and Jane Ross who were married at St. James's, Westminster, 11 August 1695, and was born 13 August 1696 and was married to Alicia Arnold at the same church on 18 October 1720.

It is well to locate old portraits before in the course of time their identity tends to become lost or doubtful. One portrait of John Ross and a portrait of Mrs. Elizabeth (Ross) Scott, the younger of his two daughters, were bequeathed by the will of Col. Henry Maynadier (surviving husband), to his wife's niece, Mrs. Ann P. C. (Key) Taney and came through the distribution of the estate of her surviving husband, Chief Justice Taney, and succeeding distributions, to their granddaughter, Miss Amy Campbell, above mentioned, who parted with them to her cousin Nevett Steele Bartow, (great-grandson of Francis Scott Key,) of South Orange, New Jersey, who now has them. Col. Maynadier at the same time bequeathed to Mrs. Taney "the portrait of Mr. Knipe, drawn by Sir Godfrey Kneller, and the portrait of Mrs. Arnold, drawn by Sir Peter Lely" and these were identified and marked by Mrs. Elizabeth (Ross) Scott as of "my uncle Knipe, drawn by Sir Godfrey Kneller," and "the picture in green my grandmother Arnold." I have not located these two portraits in the Taney family after the distribution of the Chief Justice's estate.

Col. Maynadier's will also bequeaths "to Maria Ll. Steele the four portraits which came from the estate of Elizabeth (Ross) Scott, much admired pictures now hanging in the passage of my dwelling house." Mrs. Maria Ll. Steele (b. 13 Feb. 1805, d. in Annapolis 23 January 1897) was a daughter of Francis Scott Key and, therefore, great niece of Mrs. Elizabeth (Key) Maynadier. About 1877 she parted with these four por-

traits to her sister Mrs. Alice (Key) Pendleton at whose death (20 May 1886), or at the death of her surviving husband, George H. Pendleton (24 November 1898), they passed to her daughter, Mary Lloyd Pendleton, now Mrs. John Rutledge Abney, at whose house in New York City they now are. Mrs. Scott's memorandum identifies these pictures as "that with the sheep [a boy], my grandfather Arnold; the lady in red with a necklace on, my great-grandmother, named Zouche, mother to Mrs. Arnold, her picture by Sir Peter Lilly; the lady in blue my father's mother named Ross; the other lady in green my father's sister, my Aunt Rawlins." But the old lady was mistaken in saying that her great-grandmother's name was Zouche, that name being one or two generations still further back, and that portrait, by Sir Peter Lely, is probably of Mrs. Anne (Wolseley) Knipe, who was "mother to Mrs. Arnold." See Pedigree.

Mrs. George C. (Kate Key) Jenkins, of Baltimore, granddaughter of Philip Barton Key (b. 12 April 1757, d. 28 July 1815,) who was the second son of Francis and Anne Arnold (Ross) Key, has another portrait of John Ross and one of his wife Alicia (Arnold) Ross—to whom the letters were written—and portraits of their eldest daughter Anne Arnold (Ross) Key and her husband, Francis Key. These she got from the family of Francis S. Key (b. 7 October 1806, d. 4 April 1866), who was the oldest son of Francis Scott Key. They are known in the family as the "Pipe Creek pictures," because they came from the home, commonly so called but more properly "Redlands" or "Terra Rubra," then in Frederick County, but now in Carroll, of Francis Scott Key's father, John Ross Key, to whom they came, no doubt, from his father and mother, Francis and Anne Arnold (Ross) Key. Of John Ross Key I have a pencil portrait, dated 1799 and the only likeness of him I know of; so that with it the portraits of Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Abney give the faces of ancestors of Francis Scott Key for five generations back—to the time of Charles II.

The following partial pedigrees will explain references to

persons in the letters. The sources of information—beyond these letters—are too many to be here cited in full and are not readily found, even by an English genealogist. But all, or nearly all, the details here given are well authenticated.

The present Wolseleys of Wolseley and the late Lord Wolseley descend from a branch of the family junior to Erasmus Wolseley. The scant notices of Sir Thomas Wolseley in the English Wolseley pedigrees do not mention a wife Helen Broughton and do assign to him a first and second wife of other names. But Edward Broughton, of Longdon, certifies on 25 April 1664 that his Aunt Helen Broughton was wife of Sir Thomas Wolseley, of Wolseley, Co. Staff., Knt. (*Visitation of Staffordshire*, Wm. Salt. Arch. Soc., Part II, Vol. v). And this seems somewhat corroborated by Vol. LXIII of the Harleian Soc. Publications, *Staffordshire Pedigrees*, page 252 and Nichols's *Leicestershire*, Vol. III, page 932. Some of the children of Sir Thomas given above may be by another wife. Sir Thomas Wolseley appears to have sold out at Wolseley and either he or his widow appear to have settled in Ravenstone, or Raunston, Parish in the County of Leicester. The present Sir Charles Wolseley of Wolseley wrote me on 5 Feb. 1899 that he had a deed or deeds of land at Wolseley to his ancestor from Sir Thomas Wolseley. Mr. Wilson M. Cary, of Baltimore, has communicated to me a curious accidental preservation of the particulars of the births of Sir Thomas's sons, taken from the earlier series of the *Genealogist*, Vol. II, p. 333, which says that the entries are made on the last leaf of a copy of St. Augustine's work, "De Civitate Dei," in possession of John Batten, Esq., Aldon, Yeovil.

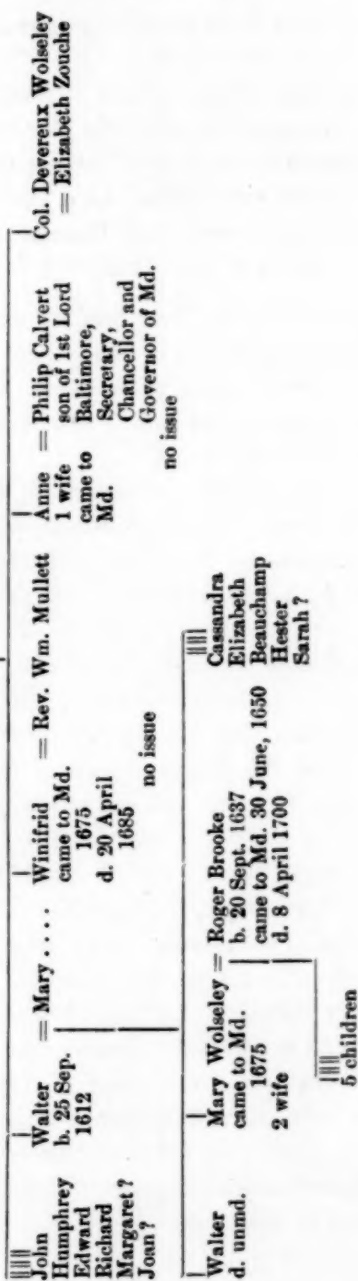
"An'o D'mi 1597, mensis, Februarii, die quarto Sabatho circa decima hora ante meridie, natus est Joh'es Wolseley filius Thom's Wolseley de Wolseley armigeri, in cujus rei memoriã predictus Thomas p'pria manu has literas scripsit undecimo die mensis p'dicti.

2 Homfridus filius p'dicti Thomas natus est vicesimo quinto die Aprilis An'o D'mi 1599

PEDIGREE 1.

Erasmus Wolseley = Cassandra Giffard
of Wolseley, Staffordshire

Sir Thomas Wolseley = Helen Broughton
of Wolseley da. of Humphrey Broughton
Knighted 28 Aug. 1617 of Longdon, Staffordshire



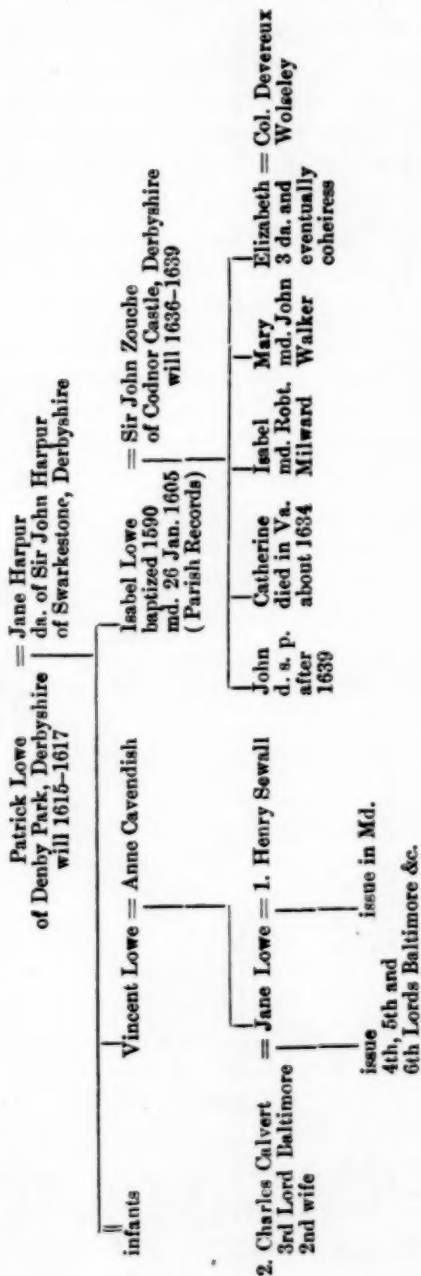
- 3 Edwardus filius p'dicti Thomas natus est nono die Augusti an'o Dm'i 1600
- 4 Richardus filius p'dicti Thomas natus est die Jovis vicesimo secundo die Decembris A. D. 1608
- 5 Walterus filius p'dicti Thomas natus die Saturni vicesimo quinto die Septe' An'o Dni 1612
- 6 Davernye filius p'dicti Thomas natus erat die Dominie 24 Die Nov' an'o Dni 1617 "

"Davernye" may have been so written or it may not have been exactly copied, but it was evidently meant for Devereux.

It is remarkable how often details about persons of long way back are preserved in out of the way places and occasionally turn up, as the above did.

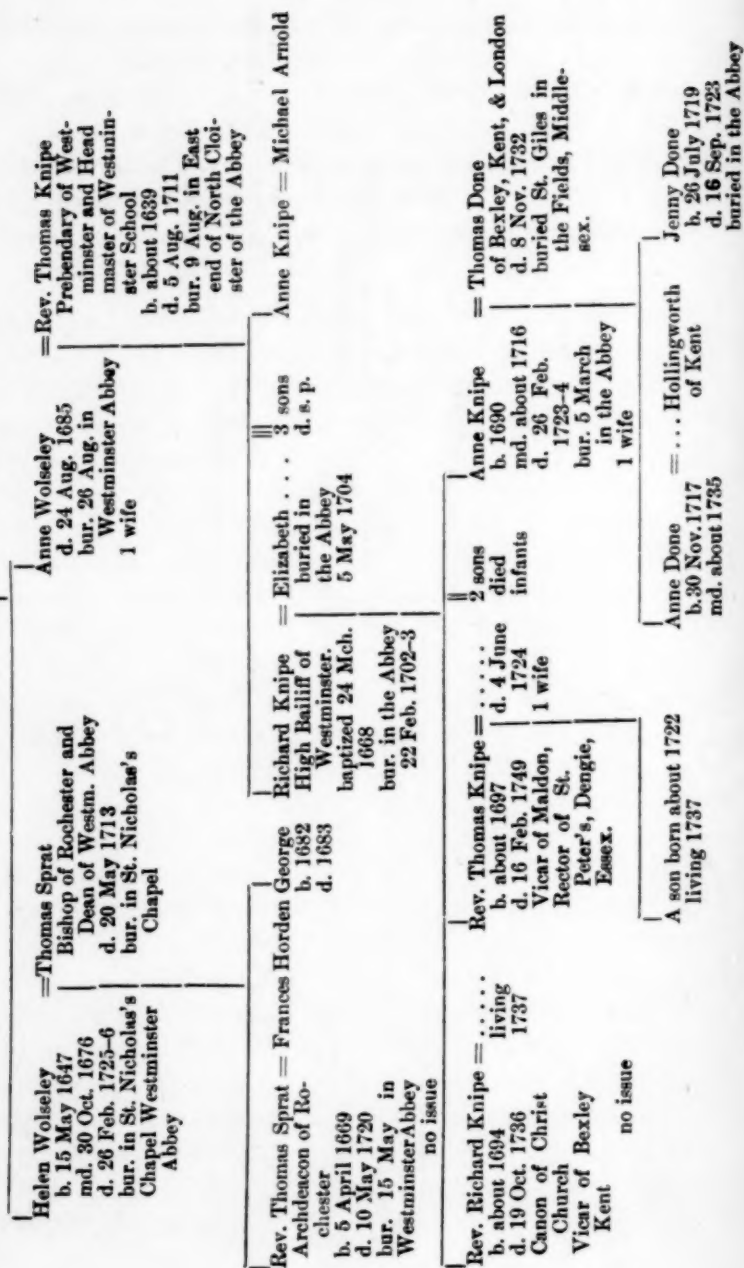
"The most ancient monument in Denby Church is that on the North side of the Chancel representing in the posture of prayer Patrick and Jane Lowe, with their four children, the two youngest with veiled heads, showing their premature death." Letter from the Rev. James Mockler, Denby Hall, 22 June 1857, to George L. L. Davis of Md. author of *The Day Star*. See also for fuller description *The Churches of Derbyshire* by J. Charles Cox, and Glover's *History of the County of Derby*. But the long pedigree of Grey-Zouche of Codnor in Glover ends in error and confusion, which the above pedigree will serve to correct. See the *Virginia Historical Magazine*, Vol. 12, pages 87 and 429, Vol. 19, p. 195 and Vol. 21, page 200. As there shown, Sir John Zouche's father came near being the founder of a Virginia colony before the Virginia Company's settlement, and his grandfather was a companion-in-arms of Sir Walter Raleigh, who may have counselled the son's colonial project; and as Sir John Zouche's mother, Lady Mary (Berkeley) Zouche, was a daughter of Lady Katherine (Howard) Berkeley, who was a daughter of Henry Howard, the Poet Earl of Surrey, it may be noted in this centennial of the writing of "The Star-Spangled Banner," that Francis Scott Key was a descendant of that poet.

PEDIGREE 2.



PEDIGREE 3.

Colonel Devereux Wolseley = Elizabeth Zouche



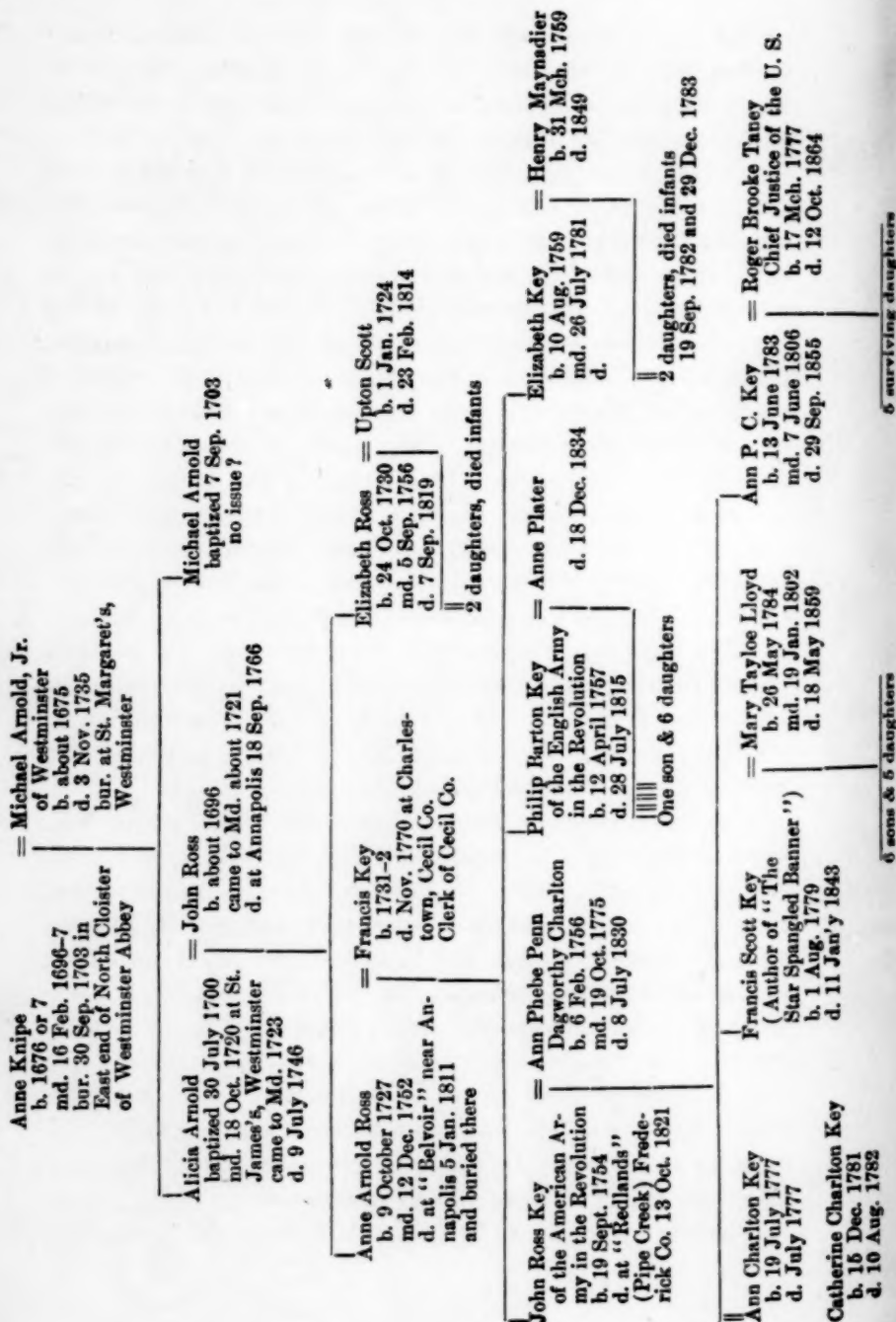
There is a monument to the Rev. Thomas Knipe, Headmaster, with a long Latin inscription, in Westminster Abbey. There were earlier Knipes in London, but the exact connection with them does not appear, although the arms were the same.

Michael Arnold, Jr., was of a family which appears to have belonged for some generations to St. Margaret's, Westminster, a church which is next to the Abbey but has no connection with it. The records of St. Margaret's were copied by Col. Chester, who wrote the "Westminster Abbey" book for Vol. 10 of the Harleian Society's Publications—which has much information about persons mentioned in this paper—and after his regretted death his St. Margaret's notes were purchased from his family by the Herald's College. They would probably trace the Arnolds down and perhaps back to one of the several County branches of the family. Michael Arnold, Jr., was very likely a son of the Michael Arnold (of Westminster), who stood out for a day against the other 11 jurymen in the famous Bishops' case in 1688. He was a brewer—a highly respectable business in those days before temperance laws were dreamed of—and brewed for the palace. He complained of the hard situation in which he was placed. "If," said he, "I find 'not guilty,' I will brew no more for the king, and if I say 'guilty,' I will brew no more for anybody else."

Mrs. Sarah Isabella (Steele) Habersham, of Annapolis, Md., a grand-daughter of Francis Scott Key, has two silver candlesticks (date mark, 1739) of John and Alicia (Arnold) Ross, with Ross arms, a chevron chequy, sable and argent, between three water bougets sable, and in the centre a small escutcheon of pretence, divided palewise, the (heraldic) right-hand side showing a chevron ermine between three pheons, for Arnold, and the left two bars and in chief three wolves' heads, for Knipe. And she has spoons with the Ross crest—a hawk's head. These, with other silver, were bequeathed, with the pictures, by Col. Henry Maynadier to her mother, Mrs. Maria Ll. (Key) Steele, great niece of Mrs. Maynadier.

I have a letter, dated 24 Dec., 1762, from the immigrant,

PEDIGREE 4



Philip Key, born in St. Paul's parish, Covent Garden, London, 21 March, 1696-7, died at his residence, "Bushwood Lodge," in St. Mary's Co., Md., on 20 August, 1764, father of Francis Key, to another son, Edmond Key, then in England, which has a wax seal with his arms, two bendlets, and crest, a griffin's head holding a key in its beak. But, unfortunately, in 185—. Mr. H. G. Sothoron Key, a descendant living in St. Mary's Co., erroneously had inserted a marble block in Philip Key's family vault at Chaptico Church with a monstrosity for arms, intended to be a cross raguly, taken from two candlesticks in his possession. But these are evidently the candlesticks which Philip Key says in his will he bought from his wife before their marriage, and these arms (which are on the sinister—wife's—side of the impaled shield, the dexter side being blank), are clearly the arms of Philip Key's second wife (by whom he had no issue), who was the widow of the Rev. John Humphreys, of St. Anne's Church, Annapolis, and who was—as that and some other evidence indicate—a Lawrence. A little learning in heraldry is a dangerous thing, and there was very little knowledge of it in this country before our Centennial of 1876.

Philip Key came to Maryland about 1720, held a number of public offices, among them that of member of the Council, and acquired many and extensive tracts of land, one of which in Frederick Co. called Terra Rubra, or Redlands, and simply known in the later family as "Pipe Creek," he devised with adjoining lands to his son Francis, and it was the early home and summer residence until his death of the latter's grandson, Francis Scott Key. It is now in Carroll County.

The first three of the following letters, and the most interesting, are from Mrs. Helen (Wolseley) Sprat, widow of Thomas Sprat, Bishop of Rochester and Dean of Westminster Abbey, to whom she was married at the Charterhouse, London, on 30 October, 1676. His reputation has come down to these times as that of a worldly man and timeserver, but he was much concerned with the affairs of his day, a preacher whose sermons

6 surviving daughters

0 sons & 6 daughters

and addresses were in demand on important occasions, one of the founders of the Royal Society, and an author whose style is highly praised by such critics as Dr. Johnson and Macaulay. He was buried in the Abbey 25 May, 1713, where there is a monument to his memory.

The spelling and grammar and homely style of the letters should not be harshly criticised. Spelling was not an exact art in those days or regarded as of much importance if the intended sound was conveyed, and I believe many republications of old letters and documents have been "improved" in that regard. And there was little education of women. When I copied the letters I made fac-similes, as nearly as I could, of the handwriting of portions of them, and of the signatures.

Aug th 18 1724

Bexly¹

Dear neice

I thank you for both your letters that from you before you was saild and this datted the 2 of Jun I received the last of July and I hope this will find you and yours both in perfect helth and may you long continue so I am glad you hold so well but the danger is when the fruit comes that you will eat too much therefore take care you will have two letter the one before your poor cousin Done died upon poor Jenys death an other with the Bible I promised y . . . which I begg you will read constantly read my cousin Lowe had them in keeping and will send them safe dear nany done had bin at Greenwich a fortnight came home the 22 of febr taken ill as soon as she sett her foot in the dore continued some time and knew no body nor I believe ever had her sence and died the five and twenth being wendsday and was buryed the fifth of march in the cloysters by her father and mother²

¹ Bexley is a village and parish in Kent 10 or 12 miles S. E. of the center of London, and Mrs. Sprat was probably staying with her great nephew Richard Knipe, who was Vicar of the Parish.

² Anne Knipe, sister of Richard Knipe, was born in 1690 and about

twas happy for poor Jeny she went first and the day of her poor mother's death was the happiest of the ten¹ years of her life. she had the terribelest convolsions that doctor morrow said should she recover he feared she would never have her true sence again he was so kind as to stay (o)n(e) night with h(er) mr done took nany went to London and has put her to mr Caderlies [?] to school betty Hoskins goes often to see her but she must not come to this house. my poor nephew² took a coach and carried me and his wife to London she was very careful of her sister³ and never left her for two dayes and nights and saw all things don as ought to be about her. I went to mr. [not legible] in the cloysters and was there six weeks. he is extremely kind and civell to me, our cousin Lowe⁴ is so too and has taken care of my small affairs for mr. wiat⁵ has given himselfe and me some trouble but I hope all will be over I hav [no]t long to stay hear being 77 I have hard from non of them my daughter⁶ was to see me twice at mr. M[]r's and my sister Horden⁷ and I hear

1716 married Thomas Done, of Bexley and London. She was buried in the cloisters of Westminster Abbey by her father and mother, Richard (who had died in February 1702/3) and Elizabeth (who had died in May 1704) Knipe. She had two children, Jenny who died before, and Ann who long survived her. But there seems to be an error in Chester's Westminster Abbey, Volume 10 of the Harleian Society's Publications, which gives the registry of the burial on 19 Sept. 1723, of "Mrs. Anne Done," which should have been "Jenny." Children were often called "Mrs." at that time. "Anny Done" will be found often mentioned in these letters as grown up and marrying.

¹ I do not know why "ten"; perhaps I made an error in copying.

² Richard Knipe, Vicar of Bexley, brother of Mrs. Done.

³ In law.

⁴ Charles Lowe. Buried in Westminster Abbey, 7 Feb. 1728-9.

⁵ Frances (Horden) Sprat, widow of Mrs. Helen Sprat's son Archdeacon Thomas Sprat, had married, on 6 January 1722/3, Richard Wiat, said to be the last of the Wiats or Wyats of Boxley, and the trouble no doubt was about the effects of the Archdeacon, who left no issue. The Boxley family spelled the name "Wiat" at this time.

⁶ In law, now Mrs. Wiat.

⁷ Probably the mother of her daughter in law.

by Mrs. Charlton w[ho] was hear yesterday they are all well. I hope you write to them if you do I desire you to say nothing of our disput not [nor] to any freind you [] with you there. your cousin Knipe and his [wife?] giv[e th]eir love and service to you hear is no newes at Bexly but that hear is no wedings amongsts the ladyes. but mr. Looyd is dying¹ I see his Lady walk by today. mr Done went to the Bath² some time in Aprill and came to Bexly about a fortnight ago dined at the black House and to tunbridge³ and from t[he]nce goes they say to the Bathe againe, so this Hollyday time A[nny] poor Girl has no whither to go unless her Aunt Hill will take her hear has fore of the family died in a year and half for I think it was the 4 of Jun poor tom Knipe's wife died.⁴ She was really a good woman and had good sence when one came to know her but very unhappy in want of health and god has don well for them both to release h[er] for she has been very ill this last halfe year not able to go and thought to be with child and went a year but it proved a dropsy and when all thought it would prov her labor she that morning died he has a very fine boy two years old now as to our other relations our Aunt Winnifrid Wolseley she was sister to our Aunt Caulvert whose Husband was philip caulvert who was Governer of Maryland before this Lord Baultymor's Granfather went over thither which was before King Charles the second came inn⁵ and she

¹ He lived several months. See next letter.

² Bath, in Somersetshire, the famous fashion and health resort.

³ Tunbridge Wells, in Kent about 25 miles Southerly from Bexley, much resorted to for the chalybeate springs. The "black house" was probably the vicarage of the Rev. Richard Knipe, his brother in law.

⁴ That is, Jenny Done, the child, who died 16 Sep. 1723 and her mother Mrs. Anne (Knipe) Done who died 26 Feb. 1723-4, Rev. Thomas Knipe's wife who died 4 June 1724 and the fourth was probably Mrs. Alice (Talbot) Knipe, second wife and widow of Rev. Thomas Knipe, Headmaster, who died 2 Mch. 1723-4 and was buried in the Abbey.

⁵ Philip Calvert, youngest son of Sir George Calvert, 1st Lord Baltimore, was sent over to be Secretary of the Province and member of the Council the latter part of 1656. Archives of Md. printed under the direction of the Md. Hist. Soc. "Proceedings of the Council 1636-1667, page 327."

sent for my Aunt Winnifrid to come over to her and would have had me a come with her I have letters both from my Aunt a uncle to come but I was a coward and not wiling to leave my sister your grandmother I think it was in 1673 or 4 my cousin mary wolseley went to our Aunt Calvert and was married from her to one mr Brooks I have letters I had from her too for I sent her a suett of laced child bed linnen as a present such as was then in fashin¹ her fathers name was

Whether he was then married to Anne Wolseley I have not yet found but the St. Mary's Co. Rent Roll says that on 18 August 1664 there were surveyed for him 1900 acres by the name of Wolseley Manor and Mr. Wilson M. Cary gives me references to several deeds at Annapolis from Philip Calvert and Anne, his wife in 1664 and 1665. On 24 June 1660 he was commissioned Governor and acted until Charles Calvert son and heir of Lord Cecilus was commissioned 14 Sept. 1661, but Philip Calvert to be Deputy Lieutenant and Chancellor (page 439), and he appears as Chancellor until November 1682, shortly after which he probably died. After the death of his first wife he married Jane Sewall (b. 1664, youngest daughter of Henry and Jane (Lowe) Sewall and therefore, on the mother's side a cousin of his first wife and of Mrs. Sprat. No issue is known by either marriage and he died intestate—as stated in No. 528 of the Calvert Papers in possession of the Md. Hist. Society—his second wife surviving him, who seems to have married in England John Paston. See *Md. Hist. Magazine*, Vol. 3, page 334.

¹ Land Office, Annapolis, Liber A 15, page 371, "July 19th, 1676, Winifred Wolseley demands land for transportation of herself [torn out] Amphilis Walley into this Province here to inhabit in anno 1675 [torn out]"

Mary Wolseley demands land for transportation of her [torn out] to this province in anno 1675 here to inhabit.

The above said rights were proved before me by Mrs. Winefred [] ley & Mrs. Mary Wolseley August 15th, 1676 William Co[] retry Aug 15th 1676. Warrant then granted to Winifrid Wolseley for one hundred [] of land due to her as above.

Warrant then granted to Mary Wolseley for fifty acres of la[] to her as above."

Winifrid Wolseley married the Rev. William Mullet and died, without issue on 20 April 1685—as stated in the probate of her will in Maryland on 9 January 1692-3. See an abstract of it in Baldwin's Maryland Calendar of Wills, Vol. 2, p. 53. Mary Wolseley, her niece, married, as his second wife, Roger Brooke, second son of Robert Brooke, the immigrant, by his second wife, and from them was descended Chief Justice Roger Brooke Taney, whose Wife Ann P. C. (Key) Taney was, therefore, his distant cousin—being both descended from Sir Thomas Wolseley. See *Md. Hist. Magazine*, Vol. I, page 56 *et seq.*; also Pedigrees 1 and 4.

walter wolseley Esqr he was my Granfather Sir Thomas wolseleys son edder brother to my father of wolseley Bridge in Stafford Shire this ¹ Lord Baltymor's Granmother's name was Lows daughter of Denby park in the County of Darby and her father and my mother was Brother and Sister's children. She was a wife to one Mr. Showell or Seawell for I was then young so forgot how they spellt their name. I believe she had a son and daughter then she took with her I think her name was betty and after our Aunt died she married my uncle calvert for she came over hither and I saw hear severall times.² our cousin Showell Buryed her first Husband and there and then after some time my Lord married her but I think she had fore Daughters by the first and two sons the daughters one married pye and one Hosiour or Rosiour and another I think Chandler and I have forgot who the other married ³ and I think one of her sons if not both lived to be married and then after my Lady had a brother whose name was vinsent Low so my cousin Charles Low that is hear saies married and left many children of which there are some married ⁴ this is all the

¹ Charles, 5th Lord Baltimore. But unless the accepted Lowe pedigree has lost a link, Mrs. Sprat made a slip in her statement, for Vincent Lowe, the father of Jane (Lowe) Sewall-Calvert was uncle of Mrs. Sprat's mother, Elizabeth Zouche. Perhaps she meant to say "brother and sister's child."

² The foregoing is a little ambiguous and imperfect. Jane Lowe married, first, Henry Sewall and they came to Maryland in 1661 with three children, Nicholas, Elizabeth ("Betty") and Anne, and after coming had two more daughters, Mary (but perhaps she was born before), and Jane. If, as Mrs. Sprat says, there was another brother, he must have died young. After Henry Sewall's death in 1664 or 5, she married Charles, 3rd Lord Baltimore. It was Jane Sewall, the youngest daughter who married, as his second wife, Philip Calvert, very much her senior.

³ Elizabeth Sewall married 1st, Jesse Wharton and 2nd, Col. William Digges; Anne married 1st, Col. Benjamin Rozer, 2nd, Col. Edward Pye; Mary married 1st, Col. William Chandler, 2nd, Capt. George Brent of Va. Mrs. Sprat forgets for the moment that with a daughter married to Philip Calvert she has accounted for all four daughters. See this *Magazine*, Vol. 4, page 292.

⁴ Lady Baltimore's brother, Col. Vincent Lowe came to Md., married Elizabeth, daughter of Seth Foster and died, apparently without issue, in Talbot Co. in 1692. See his will in Baldwin's Calendar of Md. Wills, Vol.

account I can give of my kindred their I was to have seen one or two that was over hear in my good master's time but being often then out of town we never could meet now as to our Aunt winnifrid wolseley after my Aunt Calvert died I think it she married a clargeman whos name was Mould as I think but he died and left h[] and she made a will and left h[] debt which was don and the two silver sal[] not the little ones I gave you after you was married¹ but two a good deal larger of which I have two of the same Siess and waite I put my Aunts name upon mine winnifrid wolseley I know not whether upon yours or no so that there is nothing there to be got but you may at a distance make an inquiry if you can if any of my relations will accept of my service pray giv it my good Lady Baltymor was a very good woman and² two friends loved more truly and she was always extremely kind to me and my good master always did him always all the service he cold in the parlement house at any time³

2, p. 56. Charles Lowe probably confuses him with another of his family who also came to Maryland and left issue.

¹ By the kindness of Mr. Marx Etting, of Philadelphia, surviving brother of Major Frank M. Etting for whose connection with the family see introductory notes, I have, there seems little or no doubt, one of these small silver salvers, which is the oldest piece of silver I know of in Maryland, except, perhaps, a piece at St. Anne's Church, Annapolis. Of the four hall marks the stamp of the date letter, Court letter K and therefore 1705-6 is perfectly distinct, and in another the first two letters of the maker's name, Ra (John Rand?) are shown. The other two stamps are more worn smooth but seem to indicate the figure of Britannia and the lion's head erased, which in the silver cycle 1697-1717 only were substituted for the lion passant (sterling silver) and leopard's head (made in London) which, with that exception, have been used from about 1400 to the present time. Silver of that excepted cycle has, therefore, a special interest and value. The salver has the following quartered arms on it; 1 and 4 a chevron between 3 fishes naiant, for Sprat; 2, a talbot, with a mullet (star), for (Devereux) Wolseley; 3, ten bezants and a canton ermine for Zouche. According to the exact rules of Heraldry this piece of silver with these quartered arms could only have properly belonged originally to Archdeacon Thomas Sprat, and it probably passed on his death without issue in 1720 to his mother, Helen (Wolseley) Sprat.

² No is evidently omitted.

³ Lord Baltimore was only an Irish Baron and not a member of the House of Peers, in which the Bishop of Rochester had a seat.

my Lord was very kind and came severall times to see him I have given you an ac of all you desired I have sent you some Garden seeds given me by mr Jewell my old gardener and a Book about fasting which I desire you to read and keep strictly to the church fasts that the people there may not think us such mornsters as they generally do I am glad to hear you are so good a Huswife be always so I am seldom well nor ought I to expect health at my age I have not heard from your good father a good while but I hope he is well mr. Horden has a nother Girll come in these last ships and they say goes in these next return to fetch his wife and other daughter my cousin Lowe is ready to lie in a gaine¹ they are all well I hope you write to him or her for he speaks very kindly of you hear has been severall of my Brumly² neighbours to see me this Summer your Aunt Arnols family³ are all well I hope you write to her for that is but a small respect to any of your relations if I live and you send me word what seeds are most proper for your ground there I will send some my Service to the Governors mother and Lady⁴ and thank for their kindness to [] Lowe

your Affeenat

Aunt

H. Sprat

[] 22 [] 24⁵

¹ "Baptisms, 1724 Oct. 14 Nicholas, son of Mr. Charles and Mary Lowe; born Sep. 20th." Chester's Westminster Abbey.

² The Bishops of Rochester had a "palace" at Bromley in Kent, five or six miles southwest from Bexley.

³ I have found no mention of Michael Arnold, Jr., uncle of Alicia (Arnold) Ross, except that he was baptized at St. Margaret's 7 Sep. 1703, and the records of that Church would probably show his early death. The reference above is probably to the family of Nehemiah Arnold, father of Elizabeth (Arnold) Duncombe, whose letters will appear presently.

⁴ Charles Calvert was Governor of Maryland from 1720 to 1727 but what his relationship to Lord Baltimore was is not known. His wife was Rebecca, daughter of John Gerrard, of Prince George's Co. See *Md. Hist. Magazine*, Vol. 1, p. 289. His mother seems to have come to Maryland in the latter part of 1723 in the same ship with Alicia (Arnold) Ross, Vol. 3, pages 209, 212, 219.

⁵ Probably August 22nd, 1724.

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I thank my good neice for her letter dated the 28 of September and very glad to hear you are so well recovered I pray god keep you both well and prosper your endevors in what Just affairs you undertake I am sorry to hear you have had no letter from me I sent 3 at seaverall times to my cousin Low ² and the Bible and another Book with some Garden seed a few that I had left for I have knowen nothing of Boxley ³ this year and quarter for they give out they neither write nor receive letters I hope I shall get over it all as to my picturs I know not whether I shall have one yet I have you shall have one for I alwayes loved all my relations.

I fear those things I name were lost going out for the news paper said a ship was lost but the men saved I have sent two letters to mrs. Ross ⁴ since you dericted me to her. as to Bexley all things stand as they did in my last only mr. done has never bin down since the last time you will find in some of my letters but poor mr. Loyed died about two dayes before Christmas day ⁵ and was Buryed the five day after he has left his Lady 3 hr-pound a year Jongtor and 600 [800?] more more if she lives a widow and half the plate and goods and to her stupeped uncle 600 pound a year and the other half of the Goods so she and he will make pritty matches for somebody for now he has an estate there is a woman will have him and if [she] has but the 300 a year she is young and may be a match

¹ Some readers may not know that until the "New Style" was inaugurated in England in 1752 the year was held to begin on the 25th of March and January, February and the earlier part of March were often written followed by the double year; usually, however, inverse of the above. i. e., 1704/5.

² Charles Lowe.

³ As to the "trouble" between Mrs. Sprat and Richard Wiat (or Wyat) of Boxley, who had married her son's widow, see former letter. Boxley is about 19 miles S. E. from Bexley.

⁴ The mother of John Ross.

⁵ The *Chronological Register* for 1724 in the *Historical Register*, London, says "Dec. 20 Dy'd William Lloyd of North Cray in the County of Kent, Esqr." North Cray is a village a mile south of Bexley.

for some body Mrs. Huntington has left Bexley this 6 months and boards in Somerset Shire I wish she had gone sooner Your¹ Knipe is not well at all my nephew² Tom is where Mrs. Huntington lived his sister Ratcliff and the child and have been there at least 3 months as you will find in my other letters our cousin Low³ has a nother son as to Mrs. Rosier my cousin [⁴] and our family were always great friends and neigh[] her grandfather and gran— have bin often at the palace at Brumly she was a woman and a fine woman too and Mr. Whettenall one of the handsomest men I ever saw I was then a girl of about fifteen and she was about 24 and going to a monestery but was like to so staid not a year then Mr. Whetenall married her when she came back and a happy coople they were⁵ if I mistake⁶ Mr. Rozier was son of

¹ "Cousin" or "Cousin Dick" is probably omitted, Mrs. Sprat's great nephew, the Reverend Richard Knipe, at whose vicarage at Bexley she may have been staying.

² Her great nephew, the Reverend Thomas Knipe, brother of Richard; Mrs. Ratcliffe was probably his sister in law in charge of his child whose mother's death was mentioned in the first letter.

³ Charles Lowe. See former notes.

⁴ Elizabeth Wetenhall, sister of Dr. John Wetenhall of St. Mary's Co., Md., married, as his second wife, Notley Rozer, son of Col. Benjamin Rozer, so Dr. Christopher Johnston informs me. In copying this letter many years ago I wrote in the space where I now have a bracket "Copers," but I did so in doubt at the time, the paper being worn at this place and the name not certain. I think now it may have been "Lowe" or Rozer. Helen Wolseley (Sprat) "when a girl of about 15" (see presently) probably lived with her Wolseley family in Ravenstone (or Raunston) Parish in Leicestershire on the border of Derbyshire and the Lowe home, Denby Park in Derbyshire, was not more than 15 or 20 miles distant to the North.

⁵ Mr. Wilson M. Cary of Baltimore—whose genealogical knowledge is well known—informs me that Elizabeth Wetenhall who married Notley Rozer as stated in the last note was daughter of Edward Wetenhall (1663-1733), son of Edward Wetenhall (1636-1719) Bishop of Kilmore and Ardagh by his first wife, whose name and family are not known. The above passage may give a clue, for Helen Wolseley (Sprat) was probably living when a girl of about 15, that is about 1662, with her father, Colonel Devereux Wolseley, at Ravenstone (Raunston), and this first wife of whose marriage she knew so well was probably of that neighborhood, and, it would seem, of a Catholic family.

⁶ "Not" seems to be omitted. But Dr. Christopher Johnston tells me

a daughter of my cousin Showells or Seawells for she was my cousin Jane Low and a beauty, and had too children that went over with her and that Husband a son and daughter whos name was Elizabeth who after our Aunt [] Calvert died married our uncle¹ he was half Brother to this Lord Baultimores Great Grandfather² and this Lord's Grandfather³ went over in the ship at the same time our Cousin went She had 3⁴ daughters more by that first Husband in Maryland one married Pie and other Rosier and another I think one Chandler their christian names I have forgot for when their father and mother went over I was about nine or ten at most my mother and my Lady who married my Lords Granfather after she was a widow were the particular friends as long they lived and my Lady Baltimore was alwayes so to me this Lords granfather ust. to come and visitt my⁵ good master who got him many friends in the house of Lords as for our cousin mary wolseley⁵ she was married when she lived with our Aunt calvert to one mr. Brooks and had children for I sent her over a Laied Shut of child bed linnin for a present not knowing but

that she was mistaken in that Notley Rozer, of whom Mrs. Sprat was writing, was son of Colonel Benjamin Rozer by a first wife, not by Anne Sewell, his second wife.

¹ Philip Calvert, however, married Jane Sewell, not Elizabeth. "Half brother" explains the different Calvert accounts. Sir George Calvert, 1st Lord Baltimore, in the inscription on his first wife's monument (*Md. Hist. Mag.*, Vol. 2, p. 141) gives the names of all his 10 children by her but mentions no Philip. But he does name him in his Will as his youngest son (*The Calvert Papers*, Number One, page 4). Mr. Wilson M. Cary tells me the name of Sir George Calvert's 2nd wife was Joan but nothing more is known about her. Benedict Leonard Calvert in the genealogical chart given to Hearne in 1718 (*Mag.*, Vol. 2, p. 369), besides other errors, erroneously makes⁵ Philip a son by the 1st wife.

² Cecilius Calvert, 2nd Lord Baltimore and 1st Lord Proprietary of Maryland.

³ Charles, 3rd Lord and 2nd Proprietary. He went over in the latter part of 1661.

⁴ She probably carried a son and two daughters with her, Nicholas, Elizabeth and Anne and had two daughters afterwards, Mary and Jane. See note to the first letter; also Sewall genealogy in this *Magazine*, Vol. 4, page 290.

⁵ See note to first letter.

that shuch things upon such occas[] not so readily had
 I loved her very well so I did her []er Sehror¹ you must
 remember her they were []h good wemen my Lady had
 a brother Vincent Low who married there and had children²
 you have two silver salvers that my Aunt winnifrid wolseley
 left in her will after a debt of our granfather in law []ed
 and two of the same size for me to give to my sister but she
 being dead I gave them to your []other and I hope you
 have them still by this and [] other letters you will
 find out all your Kindred [] you will turn doctor I will
 send my receipt Books our Aunt winifrid married one mr.
 Mould a clargeman and he died and left her a widow I had
 her will by me not long ago but it was proved in the doctors
 commons³ god give you health is the prayer with all good
 wishes from your ever Affic^{nat} Aunt

Helen Sprat

[On the back of this letter is the following postscript and address:]

Mr. Loyds eldest sister catharen married the Bishop of
 durhams talbot⁴ but is dead a week before her Brother
 She had 6000 down and the other will have as she died
 in child bed. I have no more newes

To

Mrs. Ross at her
 House Annapolis in
 Maryland in the
 west Indias

¹ The name seemed to be "Sehror"—Sarah—but I have not seen such a sister mentioned elsewhere. And Mrs. Sprat seems to forget that her great niece was too young to have probably remembered either of these sisters.

² But see note to first letter.

³ See first letter. At that time the Prerogative Court, where Wills were proved in London was held in the buildings called Doctors Commona. But see a reference to her Will, also proved in Maryland, in a note to the first letter. A Petition of the Rev. William Mullett will be found in the printed *Archives of Maryland*, Proceedings of the Council, 1681-1685/6, page 264, May 8th, 1684.

⁴ Tolboth—toll collector, says Mr. F. W. Story.

Dear Neice

December y^e 20^d—1725.

I am So very Ill and have been So this sixteen months So that I cannot write my Selfe I hop you Received a[] Letters which are at Least four or Five in some of them I gave you an account about the Peicters¹ I h[] have Received all the Seed [] I hear send you your Great Granfat[] []ers P[]² In Littel he was colonnell Devarex wolseys he was third Son of Sir Thomas wolselys of wolseys Bridge in the County of Staffoyd knight my mother his wife and your Great Granmother always wore it by her side and Gave [] me when She Died She was Elizabeth Zouch third Da[] and Coheir of Sir John Zouch of Codnor Castel³ in the Cou[] Darbe Knight I have sent hear to in this my Great Book of Receipts and with all the Prescriptions that I have almost ever had from all the Dockters So that if you or any Friend you have has a head that way they may Set up For Great Praktes and do Good that way however You and your Friends may make good Sweetmeats By it
Christmas Eve 1725

I have been hear at Bromly for Change of air at Mr Gilles the Buchers house ever Since the thirteenthth of Oct. Last but I believe I shall not Continue Long any wear

I am your truly affectionat Ant

I have left the Pickter to be

H Spratt

Sent you if Liveing if not

to my nephew [] Thomas Knipe

On the back of the foregoing is what was probably the

¹ This can hardly refer to the English portraits spoken of in my introductory note.

² The faint parts of letters in the spaces where I have put brackets seem to indicate that the passage was "your Great Grandfather's father's picture," but if so, Mrs. Spratt made a slip in her computation, or her amanuensis did in taking down what she dictated. For Colonel Devereux Wolseley was the great grandfather of her great niece as correctly given in the account of his wife. The picture must have been a miniature or one of small size. I do not know what has become of it.

³ The ruins of Codnor Castle, near the East border of Derbyshire, although much pillaged for stone, are now preserved and shown to visitors.

draught of a letter from Maryland to some one in England. It is in a different handwriting from any in these papers, and much of it has been carefully obliterated by up and down lines through every letter:

The Gov^r was so kind to tell me you was returned from your Tr[] and that you had rememb[] me in a Letter to him

Our former acquaintance therefore makes me take this freedom which I fl[] myself you'll forgive, for I could not help writing to congratulate you upon your safe arrival in England and hope you enjoy your health.

The Country is very agreeable and pleasant and []

I have ever since my being here endeavoured to get some Rarities for you, but could get none but this flying buck which f[] up and down our houses in the Evening, and this Rattlesnake Skin. I hope they will be [] to you which will be agre[] satisfaction to

Mrs. Sprat's foreboding about herself proved to be well founded, for she died on the 26th of February following. The register of Westminster Abbey (Harleian Society Publications, Vol. 10, page 316) says:

"Burials 1725/6 March 3. Mrs. Hellen Spratt; in St. Nicholas's Chapel."

And Col. Chester's note says that her monument (*i. e.*, her husband's) states that she was descended from the ancient family of Wolseley of Stafford. He adds that in her will she bequeaths the wedding ring of her grandmother, Lady Wolseley, her coat of arms and the pedigree of her grandfather, Sir John Zouch. With these letters there is the following extract from the will; but in copying the rather crabbed handwriting of the Latin introduction I may have made mistakes of some letters—
o for a &c.

May 1726

E Regro Curio prorogat.

Cantuar. Extract.

In Testo sive ultima Voluntate

Helene S¹ ratt Dft Geren Dat Octavo

Die mensis Octobris Anno Dom 1724 penes

Regrum hujus Curio [] inter alia

in eodem sive eadem continetur prout

sequitur Viz^t.

Item I give to my niece Mrs. Alicia Ross my Cabinet that stands in the Hall in my Nephew Knipe's House in Boxley² and a Chest of Drawers that stands in the garret and a Box with China to be put up safe and sent to her if living and I give her my six new Smocks one dozen of Cambrick Handkerchiefs my new Black Lutestring Scarf and velvet scarf and one new black ulamode hood one white Sarsenet hood one dozen of white gloves one black silk mantua and petticoat one striped silk mantua and petticoat one white Satin quilted Coat all my Finest aprons my Cloath of Gold shoes made of one of king James's Buskins that was at his Coronation and one pair of gold stuff out of Queen Ann's pall she wore at her Coronation And I give the Medalls to my niece Alicia Ross that has her name upon them I give to my niece Ross if living my Sable Tippet a muff and three white Dimmety petticoats.

I think there can be no reasonable doubt I have one of the medals so bequeathed by Mrs. Sprat's Will. It is one of the gold medals struck at the coronation of William and Mary in 1689, and probably belonged to Bishop Sprat, who, both as Bishop and as Dean of Westminster Abbey, had part in the coronation services. One side shows in profile the heads of William and Mary and the other represents Jove hurling by a thunder-bolt Phaeton from the sunchariot, with the legend "Ne totus absumatur orbis," the allusion being, of course, to James's being driven from the throne to prevent the ruin of the kingdom. It was

¹ p is left out in this extract.

² Should be Bexley, no doubt, of which the Rev. Richard Knipe was Vicar.

given to me by my mother, who died 9 September 1897, being within one month of 94 years of age. She was the eldest child of Francis Scott Key and knew well her great-grandmother, Anne Arnold (Ross) Key, and her great great-aunt Elizabeth (Ross) Scott, who survived to 1811 and 1819, respectively, the two daughters of Alicia (Arnold) Ross, and the medal may have been given to her by one of them, or perhaps by Mr. Marx Etting after the death of his brother Major Frank M. Etting. (She had also a piece of silver which she told me had always come down to the eldest child, but I do not know in what line this came.) It may be noted that my mother's life with that of her great-grandmother bridged over a period of 170 years—back to 1727. The medal appears to be of pure gold. So with perhaps the oldest piece of silver in the State (the salver) I may also have the oldest piece of gold—except in coin collections. As for the buskins and pall (outer sweeping robe,) I believe such things worn at coronations went as perquisites to those officiating at the ceremony and so these may have come to Dean Sprat.

The English correspondence—as contained in these letters—was taken up in 1730 by Mrs. Alicia (Arnold) Ross's cousin, Elizabeth Duncombe, second Wife of John Duncombe, of "Stocks House," Aldbury, Hertfordshire, an ancestor of whom, of an old Buckinghamshire family, had settled at Aldbury. She was the daughter of Nehemiah Arnold, of the Westminster family, by his marriage about 19 June 1699¹ with Martha . . . , of Mixbury, Oxfordshire, widow of Charles D'Oyly, 4th son of Sir William D'Oyly of Shottisham, Norfolk, baronet. It is rather a curious coincidence that "Stocks," a fine old house a large print of which appeared in "The Sketch"—English illustrated periodical—of 10 September 1902, from which one or more of Mrs. Elizabeth (Arnold) Duncombe's letters were written nearly two hundred years ago, is now the residence of Mrs. Humphry Ward, the well-known writer, who was an Arnold by birth, although I suppose no relationship can be traced.

In Clutterbuck's *History and Antiquities of the County of*

¹ Harleian Society Publications, Vol. 24, page 233.

Hertford, Volume 1, pages 221-224 and 289 will be found an account and pedigree of this branch of the Duncombe family down to 1811 and a description of the mural monuments in Aldbury Church, giving minute particulars about the children of John Duncombe by each of his two wives and stating that "by the express direction of his will it is declared to posterity that he enjoyed the uncommon blessing of being happy beyond expression in the sweet society both of his first and second wife, Elizabeth, the daughter of Nehemiah Arnold, esq., by whom he had one son and two daughters, all now living." He died 30 June 1746. The Arnold arms on the monument—Gules, a chevron ermine between 3 pheon's heads or, have the same charges as are on the silver of John and Alicia (Arnold) Ross, mentioned in the introductory notes.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Arnold) Duncombe writes her first letter from her Westminster town house:

West^m March y^e 14th 1730 ¹

Dear Cozen Ross,

I return you many thanks for your kind present I think they are the best that ever I see; I went the day after I received them to wate on Mrs. Colvert ² who was very se []. I drank tea with her & see pretty Miss Colvert ³ one of my Lord's sister; she tould me she was to go with my L^d & L^{dy} this Spring to Maryland; Mr. Duncombe or I am very much at your Service b [] Mrs. Colvert tould you had a girle ⁴ I must now begin to give you a melancholy account of a sad loss in our Family; the Satterday be [] xmas day last Dearest Lewy ⁵ was

¹ "Old Style"—"New Style" would be 1731.

² The widow of Edward Henry Calvert, from whom letters will presently appear.

³ Probably Barbara Calvert, of whom presently.

⁴ Elizabeth Ross, her second daughter, born 24 Oct., 1730, who married Upton Scott.

⁵ Mr. John Duncombe had by his first wife Elizabeth, who died 7 August, 1712, daughter of William Lowndes of Chesham, Bucks, 2 children surviving at the time of his second marriage, Lewis and Elizabeth. These particulars about Lewis's death are corroborated by the Duncombe monument in Aldbury Church referred to in the introduction to this letter.

taken ill at Oxford after a of young Company at a Dancing a bout 7 or 8 miles from Oxford the [] Pox had been in the town about a year but he poor soul did not think of that he danced all night & we have heard the distemper was in the very inn where he lay; we went to Stocks that very day he was taken ill and the Wensday following Mr. Duncombe went to Oxford w [he]n he went into his room he new him a short time but the Small Pox never coming out it lay all in his head, the Dockter never gave my Dear Mr. Duncomb any hopes and Satterday morn [] a bout three a clock God Almighty was pleased to take him out of [] world from the evil to com; My Dearest Mr. Duncombes Afflictions [] loss is all most inexpressable but he is a good Christian and I hope god will support and comfort him in all his sorrows, poor Miss b[etty] has lost one of the best of brother and I am not insencable in the great loss I have had on him; you not haveing seen him these [] years can only gess what an agreeable youth he was; both in person, understanding, good humer and everything that was pleasing was in him; my dayly prayer to God is to make Arney ¹ like him which if I live to see will be a very great Bles [] if it pleases God to spare his life but that is very uncertain for to our great sorrow we have seen and dayly do see the young [] as well as the old but the alwise God knows what is best for his creatures therefore we must be resind'd and contented; I will not trouble you any longer with my melancholy tale; Coz: Arnold ² dined with us yesterday I tould him I should write to Day he desired his kind love to you and bid me tell he writ by the last Ships, it was in last Satterdays papers that Lord & Lady Baltimore is to set out tomorrow for Maryland ³ so I send this letter to Mrs. Colvert to beg the favor of her to send it to you; I think I have not seen eather of my Cozen Knipe not three times sence the death of my father;⁴

¹ Her son Arnold Duncombe, now become the heir and who was living in 1752.

² Mrs. Ross's father, Michael Arnold.

³ But they seem to have given up any such intention. Charles, 5th Lord Baltimore, came to Maryland in November or December, 1732, for a few months—the last visit of a Lord Proprietary.

⁴ " April, 1726, about this time died also . . . Nehemiah Arnold, Esq.,

I am sure I have seen Dick but once sence the death of my mother as for tom¹ he lives in Essex and Dick² is made a canon of Christ Church where he is gon to stay a month, his wife I heard is in town, but I never see her; poor Mr. Done is quite an old man; they have been all this winter at the Bath I sent your letters to his house as you []sired; my Brother D'oyly³ is very well and still in Kent []ick white has got a good living in Hamshire where Sukey is [] very well except her lameness; Mr. Charles Lowndes⁴ is married to one of his unkel Shales daughters a very pretty sort of woman and I hope he will be very happy; Miss Jett has lost her Father and poor girl sins he was so base a man he was in every body []edt and I fear she will have nothing; but worthy Mr W^m Lowndes⁵ has took her into his family or else I dont know what would have be come of her; it is now past one—I am a going this evening to the play for Mr M[]lls bennifet miss betty⁶ was to have gon with us but she has got a bad cold and has been just blooded; coz. Arnold tould I must send this letter this evening to Mrs Colverts⁷ or I would have filled my pap[] but the

an eminent Brewer, and formerly Commissioner in several Lotteries." *The Political State of Great Britain*, by A. Boyer, Vol. xxxi, page 431.

¹ The Reverend Thomas Knipe (1697-1749) her cousin, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Dengie, and Vicar of Maldon, Essex. Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*.

² The Reverend Richard Knipe, Vicar of Bexley, Kent, was made a Canon of Christ Church, Oxford, in 1729. Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*.

³ The Reverend Samuel D'Oyly, her half brother, of whom more later.

⁴ Charles Lowndes, of Chesham, Buckinghamshire, Secretary of the Treasury, was half brother of Elizabeth (Lowndes) Duncombe, first wife of John Duncombe, and married his own cousin, Anne Shales, daughter of Charles Shales, of London.

⁵ Miss Anne Jett, daughter of Thomas and Anne (Lowndes) Jett who was a half sister of Charles Lowndes of Chesham. She was buried in the Abbey 8 April, 1758, William Lowndes who took her in his family was half brother of Charles Lowndes of Chesham. All these half kin persons were children of William Lowndes, Secretary of the Treasury, by his different 4 wives.

⁶ Elizabeth Duncombe, her only surviving step child.

⁷ Cousin Arnold (query, uncle?) was the father of Alicia (Arnold) Ross—Michael Arnold. Mrs. Calvert was the writer of the next letter.

next time I will; Mr. Duncombe & Miss Betty Joins with me in love & service and I am

Dear Coz: your sincear friend

we all desire our service faithful humble servt
to Mr Ross; and mine to Mr E. Duncombe
Colvert ¹ my brother Duncombe ² wife
and littel boy are well & he always
inquires after you

The next letter is to Mrs. Alicia (Arnold) Ross from Margaret Calvert, widow of Edward Henry Calvert, a younger brother of Charles 5th Lord Baltimore. He had been sent over from England to Maryland in the latter part of 1728 to be the first in rank in the Council and was made Commissary General of the Province, having jurisdiction over the probate of wills and administrations. But he died of consumption between 24 April and 15 May 1730 (dates of his Will and its probate at Annapolis,) and his widow returned the next year to England. They had been married in England (probably in 1725, see *Md. Hist. Magazine*, Vol. 3, pages 293, 299 &c.), but her name before marriage is not known. From her two letters it seems probable she was either from Epsom in Surrey or from Kent. No. 140 of the Calvert Papers in the Md. Historical Society is a Release from her to her brother in law Lord Baltimore and the grant from him to her of an annuity of 100 lbs., dated 5 August 1738, on which is a seal showing, impaled with her husband's Calvert arms, her own arms, vairy, argent and azure. She may have been of the Bist family, of Kent. In 1741 she married James Fitzgerald, said to be of the Middle Temple. Her first letter is dated at the bottom December 23 and while the year is illegible, internal evidence and Mrs. Duncombe's preceding letter show it was 1731.

¹ Probably Governor Benedict Leonard Calvert.

² William Duncombe, younger brother of John Duncombe, mentioned in the Dictionary of National Biography.

London

I am much ashamed I have not write to Dear Mrs. Ross Long before now but I have had very bad health Ever since I came over, and so great a weakness in my Eyes I thought I shou'd have Lost Sight of them, and are so bad now I much a doe to see to write this or nothing else but this should have prevented me giving my self this pleasure, I sent your things to Mrs. Duncom soon after I com over and she was so Obligeing to com and see me very soon indeed I like her Extreably She is a very agreeable woman. I was to see her on Sunday to no if She had any commands to you but she said she write her self so woud not trouble me. She has got y^e fineest boy I ever see in my life I am quite in love with him, we gave our selfs y^e pleasure of talking gooddeal about you and y^r country, and I gave her as full an account as I was capable of ¹ I suppose my Dear by this time you have began your Christmas Cheer, which I no is conddeal of business to doe it all I [] name Nothing, and now I give you an account of my time sence I left you I bin at Epsom six Months where I speent my time very agreeable with my relations, and was allmost everday with my Lady Baltimore ² and my sisters, ³ indeed my Lady is a very agreeable woman and M^{rs} Tasker's Brother has married y^e other sister, ⁴ a very Pretty woman. I have very little news for theres very little Company in town, y^e Duck of Lowrain ⁵ is just gon he

¹ Mrs. John (Elizabeth Arnold) Duncombe, writer of the preceding letter, and her son Arnold.

² Lady Mary (Janssen) Baltimore, wife of Charles 5th Lord, married 20 July, 1730.

³ Mrs. Jane (Calvert) Hyde and Mrs. Charlotte (Calvert) Brerewood, sisters of Charles 5th Lord Baltimore. If another Calvert sister (in law) see presently. Woodcote, Lord Baltimore's residence, was close to Epsom.

⁴ Thomas Bladen, Governor of Md., 1742-1747, and afterwards M. P. in England, brother of Ann (Bladen) Tasker, wife of Col. Benjamin Tasker of Md., married Barbara Janssen, sister of Lady Mary (Janssen) Baltimore. *Md. Hist. Mag.*, Vol. 4, page 192, &c.

⁵ Francis Stephen, Duke of Lorraine, a few years after this visit in 1731 to England, was deprived of his Duchy in the vicissitudes of European wars and politics, but received the Grand Duchy of Tuscany in exchange.

is a very fine man and was much Liket of by all that saw him, I go in to Kent next week to keep my Christmas so was willing to Let you hear from me first that you mite see I had not forgot you and assure never shall for theres none I have greater regard for, Mr Mecnemara came to England soon after me and was so kind to bring me a Letter from M^r Gibson ¹ with all y^e Maryland news in it, pray make my complements to him and a great many thanks and now for English fashing y^e french heads are little wore mostly English y^e hoops very small upper petycoats of but 4 yards y^e gowns unlind and y^e Sleeves [] very little and short and [their hair?] very full at y^e sides but if you want to no anything my maid I broght over with me is com back in Capt. Hoxton,² indeed she is a very good servant and has behaved herself Extreemly well with me and I have great Esteem for her, and wish her very well. I have a peace of news to tell you and that is that Miss Calvert is married to Mr. Rolf a Gentleman of a very good fortun.³ I have not write to my Brother ⁴ for I here is coming which is great pleasure to me.

He married the Grand Duchess Maria Theresa of Austria, was elected Emperor of Germany as Francis I, and died in 1755.

¹ No doubt John Gibson, Register of the Prerogative Office (Wills and Administrations), at the head of which had been Edward Henry Calvert as Commissary General.

² Master of a vessel which made trips to Maryland.

³ This seems to give some new information about the Calvert pedigree, which has never been completely worked out. In the pedigree given by (Governor) Benedict Leonard Calvert to Hearne in 1717 (*Md. Hist. Mag.*, Vol. 2, p. 369), he gives three sisters, Charlotte, Jane and Barbara, all then unmarried. Charlotte married in 1718 Thomas Brerewood, Jane married in 1720 John Hyde, and Barbara is usually said to have died young. But Mrs. Duncombe in her first letter, dated 14 March, 1730, in telling of calling on Mrs. Margaret Calvert, says she saw with her "Miss Calvert, one of my Lord's sisters," who was expecting to go with Lord and Lady Baltimore to Maryland. Lord Baltimore (Charles, 5th Lord), in a Will executed in 1728 before his marriage, left to "Nanny Calvert" 1000 lbs. (*Md. Hist. Mag.*, Vol. 3, page 323). She may have been the same as Barbara, perhaps Barbara Anne.

⁴ Governor Benedict Leonard Calvert, her brother in law.

I beg my Dear my
 complements to Mr Ross
 and all that asks after
 me and pray Let me hear from
 you very soon

I fear my Dear I have troubled
 you to long with this sad
 Epistle so am with y^e greatest
 Esteem your most faithfull
 friend and sert M Calvert
 Decbr y^e 23

pray my Dear Direct for me at y^e Golden wheat sheaf
 in Tavistock Street Covent Garden

The next letter is from Mrs. Duncombe, five days after the
 preceding and was written from her Hertford County residence,
 "Stocks."

Stocks Dec^{br} y^e 28th 1731

I beg Dear Cozen Ross's pardon for not writeing to you before
 but M^{rs} Ross tould me she would write to you the first Ships
 that went, we went to london the first of Nov^b and the Sunday
 following M^{rs} Ross came to M^r Duncombe to let him know my
 Coz. Arnold was very ill he went the Next day to see him and
 found him in his bed very bad at first he did not know him but
 before he came a way he knew him and spoke to him but Sade
 little and died that night he has been [] walking gost some
 years and latterly very lame. I hope in God he is very happy in
 y^e other world I think he has been dead to you ever since you
 left England for in my opinnion you could hardly expect to see
 him a live at your return: he was burid at St^t Margets by my
 Dear Father & Mother; as for his affairs M^r Duncombe will
 give aperticular Acet: so will say no more on this subject ¹

¹ That this was Michael Arnold, father of Mrs. Alicia (Arnold) Ross
 is corroborated by the next letter. He died, therefore, on Monday night,
 5th-6th Nov., 1731, and was buried at St. Margaret's, Westminster, to
 which Parish the Arnolds seem to have belonged for some generations and
 the records of which would give much information about them.

Mrs. Calvert was to see me the Sunday before we came out of town and was so kind to offer to send these letters to you but Mrs Ross told me she would take care of them and send them to you I would I could make my letter any ways entertaining to Dear Ross I will rub up my memory and try; our first Journey out of town [] Summer was to Rochester where we spent a fortnight very pleasantly tho we went all of us which was to many at once for a Bachelord¹ My Bro: was so kind that he would [] have all; he was very oblig [] in showing Miss Duncombe² & Arnold the Ships and the fine Yards and Store houses at Chatham,³ indeed he has a pleasant good old house & pretty garden but that is small; we was in hopes he would have spent some part of Sumer in Hertfordshire, but he has had and has at this time a long peace of work in hand which kenpt him close at home all y^e year it is Trance-lating some book but what I know not; ⁴ he always asks after you; in our way to town we dined at y^e black house⁵ at Bexly where I was in hopes of [] Coz. Knipe but he was from home and she was at Boxly with Mrs. Gillman where I hear she is like to continnew for they are parted forever, and he is very hard for he will allow her nothing to live on, nor will not till she forces him by Law She has been very much to blame but I think him much worse [] he has got such great preferment⁶ and considering She gave him her fortune when he had nothing I think he is very ungratefull and very unbecoming his gown but I have heard he had a little one or two by his maid who is one that

¹ Her half brother, the Reverend Samuel D'Oyly, Vicar of St. Nicholas, Rochester, who died May, 1748. For his literary work see the *Dictionary of National Biography*, and which says he left a wife to whom he was certainly married before 1732, which seems an error. It further says he was too corpulent to ride a horse and perform duty as an Army Chaplain.

² Her stepdaughter, Elizabeth, and her son.

³ British Naval Station across the River Medway from Rochester.

⁴ Probably Calmet's *History of the Bible*.

⁵ Probably the vicarage of the Reverend Richard Knipe.

⁶ Chaplain in Ordinary to the King, Vicar of Bexley, Canon of Christ Church, &c.

rules As for Coz: Tom: he has marry'd a second wife and has several children but I never see are a one¹ of them which I think is very unkind for God knows there is but few left but as they pleas Anny Done² is grown a tall fine girl and like both father & mother [] has no children by this which [³] Sure naver one was so altered in a few years as he is his legs are cat-stick and his face a yard long; all our neighbours are gon, our Street is no thing but herb Stalls ale houses & shops [⁴] house is a very good one and our own⁵ so we cant run to the p[] end of the town which in my opinnion is much more out of y^e way then Westminster Lady Meux lives in Darthmouth Street her [] daughters are y^e same but She poor Lady is a going, the last time I see her She was so brook that she cant hold long; ⁶ Sukey is [] in Hamshire with coz: Mich White She may be by this time Mrs. White for he has burid his wife about a year I hear from her Sometimes; as for publick places I know but little of them but this winter I one night Shift [] & Squeasd with the crowd to see his Serene Highness the Duke of Lowraine for it was thought a strange thing for anybody to say they had not seen him he is a little man and a pretty forrenner I see him the Fry-day before he left England Arnold grows tall and most think him a fine boy he grows past my goverment he is to go out to school next spring I hope God will be so good to spare him and make him good to be a comfort to his Dear father and I; Miss Duncombe desires her Service; I hope both your Girls are well the last I think is my Name Sake⁷ and

¹ I did not suppose this was so old an expression.

² Daughter of Thomas and Anne (Knipe) Done, for the erroneous registry of whose burial in the Abbey see first letter.

³ "I am glad of" seems to be indicated. She is referring to Thomas Done's second marriage.

⁴ "but you know our" says a copy of this letter.

⁵ She is speaking of her Westminster town house.

⁶ Burke's *Dormant and Extinct Baronetage* says Sir William Meux married 2nd Elizabeth Browne and left by her 5 children of whom two daughters died unmarried in Westminster, 1742 and 1750.

⁷ Elizabeth Ross, born 24 October, 1730, married 5 September, 1756, Upton Scott and died at "Belvoir" near Annapolis, 7 September, 1819.

[I dont know y^e custom of your Country but
 did for my mother when she stood
 what sum you name to your order
 e and spend it very pleasantly and I
 now as we was y^e first year tho n[]
 room to conclude with our Service to M^r
 I am D^r Coz: y^r most sincear friend &c.
 To E. Duncombe

M^{rs} Ross

Mrs. Margaret Calvert writes her second and last letter, dated at the end 16 August 1732:

I had y^e pleasure of Dear M^{rs} Rosses obliging Letter by the hands of M^{rs} Lawrence,¹ but indeed cant express how much I was concern'd when I heard of y^e melancholy news of y^e Death of Dear and and best of Brothers,² and one I am sure I Love'd next my Dear husband indeed I had great reason and hope I shall never be so ungreatfull to forget them that has bin my true true Friend as I am sure he allways was and tis a thing hard to be found in this world so cant sett to great a Value on them that are so, I cant say but I think it great pity he did sett out from Maryland as by all reports it was impossible he cou'd Ever recover, I dare say all in Maryland will be Extreemly concern'd when they here y^e Melancholy news of his Death and you in perticular for I am sure you had great regard for him, for he was one of the y^e most agreable companions and one of y^e best of Friends but cant tell you more of him then you no so will say more of so Malancholy subject, indeed my Dear you make me

¹ Probably Miss Theodosia Lawrence who afterwards married Rev. John Humphreys, Rector of St. Anne's Church, Annapolis, and later 2nd wife of Philip Key, Member of the Council, by whom he had no issue.

² "1732, June 22, About this time came advice that the Hon. Benedict Leonard Calvert, who had for some time been Governor of Maryland, in coming from thence for England died in his passage at Sea." *Historical Register Chronological Register* for 1732. For full notice of him, see *Md. Hist. Mag.*, Vol. 3, page 191.

asshamed when you talk of my kindnes to you, for it never Lade in my power to be so I wish it had none woud I tack more pleasure in shoing it then myself and can

turn over

assure you that neither time nor absents shall ever put you out of my mind, for I am just y^e same as Ever. I am much obliged to you for y^e concern your so kind to Express for my Eyes, but thank god there much better then they was when I writ Last, all my Friends are very well but my mama who is much out of order, but beg her compliments to you tho unknown Mr Hyde¹ has bin Extreemly ill but is now much better, and Lay at my house About [] week ago and Desire'd there compliments to you and all your family, I sincerely condole with you on y^e Death of your Dear father² but I think theres little else but Disappointments in this world, I am sure I have had my share of them, you need not make any Excuse for want of news for you have been so good to send me a great deal []ns sure take it Extreemly kind of you, I am glad to here you have so many gay & agreeable Ladys and are so full of new fashions, I dont wonder you did not like y^e [] heads for I think there wor very pitifull things, and think you was very obliging to do any thing with them

I give you thanks for wishing me a merry Christmas and hope you had y^e same Miss Calvert³ is married to very agreeable man and is very happy but she has got a Daughter and as for care of your things I beg you'll not mention it for I tuck great pleasure in doing it, and when Ever we⁴ meet we give our selfs y^e pleasure of talking of you, I am much oblige'd to you for remembering me, indeed my Dear you do me great honour

¹ John Hyde, husband of her sister in law Jane (Calvert) Hyde.

² Without this it would have been uncertain whether the cousin Arnold, the particulars of whose death were given in Mrs. E. Duncombe's preceding letter was Michael Arnold, the father of Alicia (Arnold) Ross.

³ Evidently the same Miss Calvert she mentioned in her letter of eight months before as having married Mr. Rolfe.

⁴ She is now referring to Mrs. Elizabeth (Arnold) Duncombe, to whom she had brought over "things"—presents—from Mrs. Ross.

for being please'd with that sad Letter and can assure think my self very happy in so agreeable a Correspondent, I am Extreamly glad to here y^e Ladys are all broght safe to bed but here you are most of you in that way again I am sure I sincerly wish all a happy minute I am very glad to here you and your family is well and I hope will continue so indeed tis my harette wishes, as for news I have none at this time there being very little company in town and for fashions I will say nothing of them, for Lord and Lady Baltimore is coming over ¹ who will bring you all y^e new ones much better than I can writ them, I am sure you'll all Like her Ladyship Extreamly for indeed She a very agreeable woman, and very obligeing, so was unwilling to Let any opportunity sleep [] wherein I coud have y^e pleasure of writing to Dear M^{rs} Ross I believe you'll think I shall never adun, so will only beg my compliments to good M^r Ross and your little family and am my Dear with

y^e greatest sincerity your
most faithfull Friend
and ser't M Calvert

August y^e 16 1732

The first part of the next letter, from Mrs. Elizabeth (Arnold) Duncombe to Alicia (Arnold) Ross is missing and the margin in some places with some of the writing is also gone. From internal evidence it appears to have been written in 1734:

now asham'd, but will lay all shamface by, and will endav my letter as welcome as I can, by telling you all the news I as to our selves and family, which is Just now increased, I have in of a girl whos name is Martha; ² Brother D'Oyly, M^{rs} W^m Lo M^{rs} Sarah Lowndes that was, (who is now M^{rs} Duncombe of Bal his Father being dead Just after I lay in with clara) being g ³

¹ Charles, 5th Lord Baltimore, came over to Maryland for a few months' stay in the latter part of 1732, whether accompanied by Lady Mary (Janssen) Baltimore or not does not appear.

² Martha Duncombe was buried at Aldbury 4 Mch., 1772. Clutterbuck's *Hertfordshire*.

³ Not only had the first wife of John Duncombe of Stocks House and

I thank God my Dear Mr Duncomb Arney and my two girls I wish I could say so of Miss Duncombe, but the poor girl nor has been in a good state of health for some time, She at Tunbridge wells, where She has been all most a month, and hop will stay a month longer, for it must be some time before she will be well, company and the waters will I hope restore her to a good State of health; I know of no wedding nor I thank God of no buriing within your knowledge; I have been pester'd with many letters from Dick knipe, since the Death of Mr Done a bout poor Nanny who is with him, her mother ¹ marrying in a very short time after her father's Death, to I dont know who; in some of her u[²] letters he pretends great kindness for her and in others says [] do nothing, I had one from him the other day wherein he ma [] free with Mr and Mrs Hill [] my self; but he must be mad [] could not write to me in that maner; Miss Done tould me May was twelf month, his berd was a quarter of a yard long; he [] never seen Nanny but once

Seeing [] fall into bad company [] is a very agreeable young person and I fear in bad han [] not seen Mrs Calvert these two years, She not always being same lodgings, and I often out of town; Mrs Wyat ³ has

Westminster been Elizabeth Lowndes, but there was other connection, and an evident intimacy, between the families, one, indicated above, being with the Duncombes of Battisden, Bedford. The Maryland Lowndeses are descended from the Lowndeses of Bostock, Cheshire, and the immigrant, Christopher, called his place in Prince George's Co., Md., "Bostock House." The family, with its branches, was a well known one in England at the time of these letters.

¹The *Chronological Register* in the *Historical Register* for 1732 says "Nov. 8 Died Thomas Done of Great Queen St. Lincoln's Inn Fields, Esq." After the death of his first wife Anne (Knipe) as told in the first letter, leaving one child, Nanny Done, he had married again. He was buried at St. Giles in the Fields, Mdx.

² Nanny Done's uncle, the Rev. Richard Knipe.

³"Burials, 1734, Nov. 29, Frances Wyatt; in the East Cloister"—Chester's *Westminster Abbey*. She was daughter of the Rev. John and Ann (Morice) Horden and married 1st Archdeacon Thomas Sprat and 2nd Richard Wiat of Boxley, Kent, as before mentioned.

house in Bond Street, She is very ill of a Dropsey, and so between two and three years, here ¹ is one Dockter Ward es all Distempers with a pill no bigger then a pins head or which She poor woman has taken, but found no bennifit fear her Distemper is to far gon to be cured even by a edicin that is to cure all ills; Mrs Horden ² I here looks very well; s for Coz: Tom Knipe we have not seen him a great while I know of no news there being no company in town; I have kept house ever since we came we have the Princess of orange with us but they talk of her returning to Holland as soon as the Prince of orange returns from the Rhine ³ I hope he will escape better the [] the Duke of Berrick, ⁴ his behaviour, was very takeing

[] lish, which made them sorry to part with him; the Royal are at Kinsington; as for Fashions they are much the same have been for some years; haveing only in-larg'd there top to make there Rumps bigger; which I cant but say gim look to the wast; I thank God Arney goes on pretty well octor Nicols, and hope he will make a good man and be a comfort to his []; I nick't the time of [] to town to lye in, to gr [] exactness, being but two d [] here before I was brought [] ed; we are to set out for Hertfordshire the 17th of this month, which Just compleats five weeks which we have been in Town; Mr Duncombe thinks I ventured too much by staying in the country till I was so near my time tho it has happen'd well he chides me for being so ventursome Mr Duncombe Joyns with me in Service

¹ "Here is" was used in those times as we now say "there is."

² Mother of Mrs. Wyat—buried in the Abbey 28 Aug., 1747.

³ Princess Anne of England, daughter of George II, married 24 Mch, 1731/2, the somewhat deformed Prince William of Orange. "Returning from the Rhine" was equivalent to "from the wars."

⁴ James Fitz James, Duke of Berwick, natural son of James II by Arabella Churchill, who rose to the highest rank in the French Army, had his head taken off by a cannon ball 12 June, 1734. His descendants were Dukes of Liria in Spain and Ducs de Fitzjames in France.

to Mr Ross and he hopes you will accept of his good wishes to you and yours; and

I am Dear Coz your sincear friend
I hope your little and faith Serv^t
family are well E. Duncombe

To

M^{rs} Ross

these

The foregoing letter has a wax seal with the Duncombe crest—a horse's hind leg out of a ducal coronet. John Duncombe's full arms on his mural monument in Aldbury Church, Herts., are, Per chevron engrailed, gules and argent, three dogs' heads erased, counterchanged: Crest, out of a ducal coronet or, a horse's hind leg sable. Clutterbuck's *History and Antiquities of the County of Hertford*.

The next, from Mrs. Duncombe, although after a considerable interval, is short

March ye 24th 1736:7

Dear Ross

I have only time to let you know I Received yours Dated last Oct^{br} I have bin in Hertford Shire for some time, I hope this will not come to M^{rs} Ross ¹ after her packet is gon; Coz Knipe died last Nov^{br} ² & in whos care he has left his affairs I can tell, but by the Time the next Ships gos I will do my indever to let you know: & Mr Dun-& my-self shall be glad to do you any service in this or any affair we can; I will see M^{rs} Horden & will write to Cozen Tom ³ which are the only Two that can inform me of his affairs; I am sorry to hear you have

¹ Mrs. Alicia (Arnold) Ross's mother-in-law.

² The Reverend Richard Knipe, Vicar of Bexley and Canon of Christ Church, so often mentioned in these letters, died at Oxford 19 October, 1736, according to Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*. He could not have been much over 40 when he died and must have had intellectual ability, although his private life is unfavorably portrayed in these letters. He seems to have left no issue but a surviving wife.

³ The Reverend Thomas Knipe, younger brother of Richard.

been ill I hope long before this you quite recovered I thank God my Dr Mr Duncombe Miss Duncombe & my children are pretty well: you shall hear more of us in my next: our Services to Mr Ross & I am your faithfull friend

E. Duncombe

Febry ye 25th 1737¹

I am afraid Coz: Ross is angary by the Stile of her last, dated Sept ye 30th it came not to my hands till the beginning of Decbr; I own my last letter was very short coming to town that day Mrs Ross sent to me [] let me know she sent her packet the next day what was the contents I cant say; but now will give you ye best account of my family and all our friends I can; first for my best friend Mr Duncombe who at this time has got a very bad Cough and is gon this day to Rochester to see Bro: D'oily for three or four days in hopes the rid and air will do him good; Miss Duncombe & my two girls are very well, as I thank God my Dr Boy is well & at West^m 2 School; as for my Self my hands are very bad it is with pain I hold a pen to write my Stomack is pretty good; and my Spirrits are better; one morning last week Coz Thomas Knip call'd to see me, I have not see him this five or six years he looks fat & well, but at this time he is under a good deal of Concern, having Just lost his Wife, but whom he has had several children, but three alive & one boy by his first wife I shewd him your letters and the copy of Mrs Sprats will Dick Knip died worth little or nothing all his books he left to Mr Selwin, what his poor wife will have to live on I dont know I think he has been very base borth to her and you, Anny Done² that was; is now Mrs Hollingworth; worth nothing has

¹ That is, Old Style; according to New Style it was 1738.

² Westminster School, founded by Queen Elizabeth and attached to the Abbey, is one of the famous schools of England. The first Rev. Thomas Kripe had been Headmaster.

³ Anny or Nanny Done is the one spoken of in the first letter—and afterwards—and whose burial as a child was erroneously entered on the registry in Chester's Westminster Abbey, instead of her sister Jenny.

bin married a bout two years to a Kentish Sq^r, who had she says a pretty estate, but has drunk & sported it all a way; She came from him the latter end of last Sumer: She is now at one M^r Webbs, who was a friend of her fathers and his last wives, they are very kind to her at present but fear that will not last always the gentleman & his Lady are between fourty & fivety they have no child, and are thought very rich, I tould her she might write to you at this time, She said she would, so will say no more of her, then that she is very thin & is all nose & chin her beauty is all gon tho she is but turned of one & twenty;¹ Sukey has left hampshire & is now in Town, the same poor lame helpless creature she used to be; I had a great Loss last Aug^t of my best Neighbour & friend Lady Mary Gore;² a worthy good Lady a great loss to her family she having left 7 children she being a good wife & a tender mother; poor M^r Gore is in a very ill state of health, and very unable to bare such a loss Town is a dismal place all in morning;³ there was a court yesterday morning for the first time Since the death of y^e queen; Princes Carrolin is in so ill a state of health, that it is thought she would not come out; I have not been at court opera or play this winter; as for the playhouse I am a fraid to go, there being a Set of young Templiers,⁴ that will not let a play be perform'd that they dont like but they grown, hiss & cat call till they give over playing or else pull the box's all to peaces the Lady Seam to be afraid to go; I wish I could entertain you with any news I hear none; so must conclude with assureing you I shall be always glad to here from you and glad when it is in my power to Serve you; M^r Dun-

¹ "Baptisms, 1717, Dec. 12, Ann, daughter of William and Ann [Knipe] Done; born Nov. 30." *Chester's Westminster Abbey*.

² "1738 August * * Dy'd, the Lady Mary Gore, 2nd daughter of George, late Earl of Northampton, at the seat of William Gore, Esq., at Tring in the Co. of Hertford, leaving 2 sons and 5 daughters." *Historical Register—Chronological Register*.

³ Queen Caroline of Brandenburg Anspach, wife of George II, the best of the Hanoverian Queens, died 20 Sept., 1737.

⁴ Templars—law students of the Temples.

combe & Miss Joyns with me in Service to Mr Ross yourself & little Cozen and I am

Dr Coz: your faithfull friend
 my girles presents there & humble Servt
 Service to there cozen E. Duncombe

There are no more letters in this collection from Elizabeth (Arnold) Duncombe, although the epitaph on the Duncombe mural monument in Aldbury Church, Hertfordshire (Clutterbuck) shows that she survived her husband, John Duncombe, of "Stocks" House, who died 30 June 1746 in his 67th year. She is probably buried there too—possibly with her father and mother at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

The last English letter in the collection (or rather it seems to be a copy of one,) is from Bryan Fairfax (1676-1749), a cousin of the 5th, 6th and 7th Lords Fairfax. He was an antiquarian and collector and hence the sending to him of the Maryland Shilling:

London May 2^d 1745.

It was with pleasure Madam that I heard from an old Acquaintance & found that you had no more forgot me then I can assure you I have you. Con'd we meet I believe we have many old storys to talk over besides the chances w^{ch} have hapn'd in the long space of time since We saw one another. Old Mrs. Horden¹ is still alive but outliv'd Her senses. Mr. Wiat remains unmarried which I do not wonder at after the loss of such a Wife to meet with two such is too great luck to fall to one mans share. I have reason to return you thanks for the kind present of a Maryland shilling & wish you could put it in my power to

¹"Burials, 1747, Aug. 28, Mrs. Anne Horden, in the East Cloister"—Chester's *Westminster Abbey*. A note says she was 87, and that she was the relict of the Rev. John Horden, D. D., Rector of St. Michael's, Queenhithe, London, and Vicar of Isleworth, Mdx. She has been often mentioned in these letters as the mother of Frances, who married 1st Archdeacon Thomas Sprat and 2nd Richard Wiat, said to be the last of the Wiats of Boxley, Kent.

return the compliment from hence. I beg my service to Gov^r
Bladen and desire you will believe me allways Madam

Your old friend

and humble servant

B. Fairfax

To Mrs. Anne ¹ Ross

Annapolis

Maryland.

Mrs. Alicia (Arnold) Ross died on 9 July 1746 and the *Maryland Gazette* (Annapolis) of Tuesday, July 15, has the following notice: "On Wednesday last died here after a very short illness, Mrs. Alicia Ross, Wife of John Ross Esq. of this City. She was a good Wife, a tender Parent, a sincere Friend and a kind Neighbour, so that her Death is greatly lamented by all her Acquaintance."

She was buried, no doubt, in the Churchyard. This article may fittingly be concluded by her parting tender letter of advice to her two daughters and expression of her testamentary wishes to her husband:

My Dearest Girl

I would often have spoken to you Both and given you some advice but you are so tender harted that when ever I spoke or said anything of dying you would Cry but I hope you will Read this with out crying and keep it by you and think and Remember what your mother that Loves and wishes ybu all y^e happyness of this world and y^e next, and I beg above all things you will take care and Serve God let nothing my Dear Girl make you neglect your duty morning and Evening and be sure not to neglect going to Church as often as you can and to Receiv y^e Holy Sacrament and to keep the great fast or abstinence which our church directs before Easter and not mind my Dear people that laugh at you for doing so but my Love be sure you do your duty and Love and fear God and than you need not doubt but

¹ An evident error for Alicia.

you will be happy through our Saviours merits and my Dear Girl be sure you Love and honour your father and do everything you can to please him and [] take his advice in all things and if you should have any Body make there address to you be sure my Dear to ask your fathers advice and if he should be dead aske some friends advice that you can depend upon for my Dear it tis a very great affair and you must take great care how you behave for men will deceeve woman if they can and my Dear besides y^e great Sin which without Sincere and great Repentance God wont forgive but God my Dear who is all goodness and mercy will forgive upon Sincere Sorrow and true Repentance but my Dear child y^e world will never forget and thos that once does wronge must allways live with Sham and confusion and fear of Reflections for my Dear tis conscience that tells us we have don good or wronge So that thos that do as they ought fear no Body and my Child you must take great care when marryd how you behave for there is great differentes in mens tempers So that you will see you Self what you s [] should do better than I can tell you only my Dear I would have you Read y^e Ladys Calling and other good Books and make your Remarks of what you Read and hear and see to your Self and with Gods Bleassing you will be happy here and in y^e next world and my Dear allways Remember if you have trouble in this world if you do your Duty and Serve God you will have peace of mind and in y^e next world happyness eternal and my child this Life is nothing to that which will be for ever and ever and my Dearest keep your Self from passion and great angry which is a Sin and only hurts your Self and not your Servants I was allways very sorry when I had bin in a passion but my Dear I was Bron in a country ware I was not used to so much trouble and new none till I came here and was for Saveing all I could for you and your Sister and then my child I knew your papa was so good natured that he was allways unwilling to punish I hope you will have as good a husband my Dear you know I cant write all I would Say your own Sence will tell you how you must behave you may have a very good husband but

he may be passioned So you must take care not to let him know every thing your Servants do a miss or what every Body says and my Dear take care not to be out of humour when he is nor talk and argue with him when out of humour but I hope my Dear God will Bleass you and give you Sence to know how to behave and my Dearest girl be sure you Love and honour and obey your good father and do all you can to please him and do all y^e good you can to every Body mind that great Rule of Doing as you would be don by one word more Love your Sister and help her all you can Consider you have no Relations in this country so you and your Sister must Love one another I shall write a Letter to your Sister and hope you Both will Remember me and do as I would have you and pary God Bleass and make you happy here and hereafter was allways y^e Sincere wish hope and prayer of your Loving mother my Dear I would have you Read as much as your time will let you other Books as well as Religious Books for nothing will improve you so much as Reading if you take care to Remember what you Read and my Dear take care not to be extravagant and to be allways clean and a good Housewife my Dearst girl once more I pary God to give you his grace and than I dont doubt but you will be happy in this world and y^e next and am my Dear girl your Sincere friend and Loveing mother

A: Ross

I hope you will keep this Letter I think I have write your Letters alike but you may Read one anothers

[The above is endorsed in a later handwriting:]

Letter of advice

from

Mrs. Alicia Ross

to

Anne Arnold Ross

afterwards Wife of Francis Key

I Desire my Dear M^r Ross will let all my Best cloaths and

linnen be Divided between my two daughters and my Diamond Buckel to be sent home to make to hansome Rings and one little Ring and than they will have two apiece my watch I give Nancy and Betsy my two Snuff Boxes my medals ¹ and Rings to be Divided between tham Both Some of my old cloaths and linnen and my old Stays and Shoes to my white maid y^e Rest of my old things to choloe moll Beck and nell and Jenny and I shall be glad if my Dear M^r Ross would give my goddaughter Jane Alicia Rawlings ² ten pounds and if my cousin Duncombe is a live a Ring and my cousin tho: Knipe a Ring if a live and my girls to write to them Both and I beg m^r Ross will give to y^e Church y^e gold pall my aunt Sprat Sent me ³ and I beg m^r Ross will give to our old friend Gibson ⁴ a Ring

[Endorsed in a later handwriting:]

Bequest of
Mrs. Alicia Ross
wife of John Ross

This tender letter of advice from his great-grandfather to his grandmother and her sister was probably well known to Francis Scott Key, who spent much of his youth with both of them in Annapolis and at "Belvoir" on Round Bay of Severn River. And a large measure of the goodness of character of all these "good women" in the correspondence came down to him and was reflected in his own life and character.

¹ See Mrs. Helen (Wolseley) Sprat's Will, ante.

² Her husband's niece.

³ Nothing is known now at St. Anne's Church, Annapolis, of this gold pall (part of coronation robe.) In the *Md. Historical Magazine* for June, 1914, page 51, appears an acknowledgement of its receipt by the Vestry from Mr. John Ross in August, 1746—a month after Mrs. Alicia Ross's death.

⁴ John Gibson, Registrar of the Prerogative Office, Annapolis.

BANK RIOT, 1835.

[From the Society's collection.]

Edward Stabler,
Postmaster,
Sandy Spring,
Montgomery Co., Maryland.

Balto. 8 Mo. 12th, 1835. No. 76 So. Calvert Street.

Dear Edward:—

Thine of 7th inst is before me.

We have seen things awfully strange in this City within a week, I tell thee. On fifth day night a considerable number of folk, good, bad, and indifferent assembled in Monument Square, before the door of Reverdy Johnson (of Bank of Maryland memory). Without much ado they dispersed, because, as they said, that was not the time they intended to operate, That time being fixed for 7th day night. On Sixth day evening the crowd again met, in numbers greater than before. Some unruly spirits now threw a few stones and broke a few glass in R. Johnson's windows. They were again advised to desist, which they did and retired by 10 or eleven o'clock, giving clear indications that they would be punctual to their engagements by the next evening. Arrangements were now made, and a few armed men surrounded the property of Johnson on 7th day evening for the purpose of protecting it. The Mob appeared, was beaten off and some three or five killed, and ten or twenty wounded. Finding themselves repulsed at Johnson's, a detachment rushed round to Glenn's (of like memory) in Charles Street. Here they made an effectual and unresisted attack, and very soon had his furniture all in the street, where it was entirely destroyed, by breaking and tareing it to pieces. The Mob now found themselves Masters, and went on unmolested in this part of the town.

In the morning I went there, saw that the House too was greatly injured.

I do not know what Glenn's loss amounts too but when I tell thee his wines alone are said to have cost over four thousand Dollars, I am very sure thee would not pay all his losses for a sum under Twenty Thousand Dollars. The rioters remained—I mean some twenty of them picking at Glenn's House till 6 P. M. when they knocked off. Now what think thee? These twenty persons carried on their unlawful game in the presence of from 2000 to five Thousand persons, who witnessed it and not one word of objection was raised!

All first day it was well understood that distruction was to be the order of the night, yet not one step taken to prevent it by those who should have done so!

But to my narrative. I say the mob boldly declared who might expect them, and accordingly before 9 o'clock in the evening a fire was built before the door of Johnson's house and his furniture was all thrown thereon and destroyed. His house very soon presented a fearful wreck. His loss must be over that of Glenn's—unless indeed P. E. Thomas should happen to find a part thereof to fall on him, as the owner in part of the House. This burning was an improvement on the Glenn plan. By eleven o'clock part of these Beauties passed down Calvert street to Hugh McEldrey's new House. They were about giving it a brush when the carpenter, who was building, appeared and told them if the House was destroyed the loss would fall on him, as he had not delivered the key. They then went to the house he occupied, which by the by he had left during first day, having taken a hint that his presence might be more agreeable to the mob, than theirs would be to him. So the owner of the house telling them the loss would not fall on McEldrey if they destroyed anything there, they went off, and found the House of Jesse Hunt (our poor frightened Mayor). His furniture was soon consigned to the flames, as had been that of Johnson.

They now went after Dr. [Frederick E. B.] Hintze. The Dr. lives in Gay Street. He had killed one of the Mob on seventh

day night as he said, and the great man had done more than that in his own conceit, He had really rode over many more. This boasting had inflamed them, so to him they went. His wife appeared before them. She declared the property was not the Doctor's but all belonged to her, having been inherited from her father. They now went to Cpt. Benzinger,¹ he was a Captain whom they didn't fancy, to him they gave sorrowful demonstrations of ill will, as also to Willie,² in Franklin street for no higher offence than doing his duty as a soldier. But now thee shall hear what was much worse as to destruction of property, than what relates to a dozen Captains or Soldiers. To my friend Jno. B. Morris in South Street they now pushed. His furniture was all destroyed by fire and House greatly injured; I should be within bounds were I to say his loss is greatest of any.

From John's they went—I mean a party, under the command of their leader called "Black Hawk" to Light street wharf in search of McEldrey's Lumber yard. At the gate they were overheard by Cpt. Carver³ who is my author that they stated on examining the premises that it would not do to set it on fire as they had intended owing to the destruction that must ensue to the owner of the adjoining yard. Black Hawk ordered them away—one third still remained, intending as is concluded, notwithstanding his orders, to fire the yard—their leaders returned and commanded them to desist, but to go up Pratt Street and finish the work of the night on Evan T. Ellicott; so up they went. ⁴ Saw Evan Poultney who confessed his sins, to which they replied "for the present" they were satisfied and then went to work at Evan T. Ellicott's. I now say what I saw.

Did thee ever see corn husked by about 50 spirited negroes? Just as the corn flies from their hands, so did Evan's furniture

¹ Matthias Bensinger or Bentzinger.

² Capt. Joseph Willey, hardware dealer, No. 7 Franklin St.

³ Capt. Jacob Carver, piano maker.

⁴ N. B. I am told this story about Evan confessing his sins is a lie got up by his enemy. Evan was not there. I thought strange of this part of the story. What man circumstanced as Evan Poultney would stand in his senses before such amiableness as these!

go on a burning fire that ascended half to the top of the House: An engine kept it from going to the roof. At about 4 they blew their horn and quickly retired, after spending with the latter director but about an hour and a half, at most not 2 hours. Thy friend Wm. E. Bartlett.⁵

My first sheet brings us down to a little past 4 o'clock on second day morning when I saw this outrageous proceeding terminate at Evan's—from thence I went to the other places of distinction. At Johnson's I saw about twenty operators, as much interested in the work of distruction, as ever they were taken up in the salvation of their souls. Not a hand was raised—as at Glenn's, so here—5000 Persons stood looking on men and boys, some of them, I am sure not over ten years of age, hauling and pulling at all parts of the house; it reminded me of a set of wood peckers on an old dry tree, so slow did they advance their work. In sickning disgust I crept down to my store, not knowing what to expect. The City was then in and under the controul of a Mob; not a step being taken to arrest their course. But deliverance was at hand! Our Brave and worthy Citizen Genl. Smith was here. He rallied some of the Blood royals. These carrying the Star Spangled banner waiving over their heads, marched through the streets and thus collected a pretty considerable band. They adopted a⁶ course which being executed by sun down of second day, we had an assurance that the Laws of good order were again in force. We are now, thanks to Genl. Smith and his worthies, thanks to the good people of this insulted City, again safe. The City is alive all night—at every corner you may see large companies of worthies marching to and fro, and a mob man, as such, cannot be seen.

* William E. Bartlett, druggist.

* When Genl. Smith organized the meeting at the park some of the Company proposed some Resolutions. The Genl. in a firm voice said "Resolutions? I tell you what kind of resolutions suited a mob during the Revolutionary War. They were Powder and Ball. These are the kind we now want" and they were of course adopted.

I am not sure that the mob is done, because they had work laid out, which has not been accomplished.⁷

When thee learns the true cause of all this disturbance thee will, I dare say have a different view thereof than at first sight taken.

The Bank of Maryland injured thousands. All that were connected with that institution at the time it failed, have been considered by the people at large as being enriched at their expense. The sufferers bore their loss with commendable fortitude until they supposed no lawful remedy would avail them. They then followed the example of the Vicksburg people in attempting to inflict the Lynch Law; and I suppose had they been able to catch the Obnoxious Directors of said institution, they would have been altogether satisfied to have given each of them a dress of Tar and feathers. Not finding them, they fell—as I have shown—on their property, and have doubtless destroyed one Hundred Thousand Dollars worth thereof.

By the time this reaches thee I suppose myself wife and little ones will be on our way to the Land of my nativity. I do not feel altogether easy to leave home during these times of Commotion and would not, were it not that our friends there will be put to some trouble if we do not go as promised em.

Jno. Livingston has told the Monthly Meeting that he intends to Marry Ann Scott.

I am thy friend

Wm. E. Bartlett.

A Cooper was at the door just now. He rec'd thro' the Post Office on the 6th inst. a communication somewhat in the following language:

"No. 167 You will read this to your journeymen, apprentices and Visitors: the Bank of Maryland has been robbed by Jno. Glenn, R. Johnson, Evan T. Ellicott (and others) which

'Thy good sence will here understand how to reconcile the sentiments here with the one above, "That the Law3 are in force."

has filled the eyes of the widdow and orphan with tears. They must be revenged. Arouse—be up and a doing” It bore the proper name of the Cooper. One would suppose many hundred such orders were issued in the same style.

N. B. Tis thought P. E. Thomas will be a loser.

At a meeting in the 10 ward (I think) the meeting issued the following resolution signed by their officers: In substance that Reverdy Johnson and John Glenn should not return to the City.

I do not know the language of the resolution.

Thee must suppose I have a time of leisure. I have, but I can write almost as fast as some can read.

VESTRY PROCEEDINGS, ST. ANN'S PARISH, ANNAPOLIS, MD.

(Continued from Vol. ix, p. 53.)

[p. 282] April 11, 1748. Being Easter Monday. Present in the Parish Church. The Rev^d Mr John Gordon, Rector. Thomas Jennings, Ashbury Sutton, Jonas Green, Nicholas Maceubbin, Vestrymen, William Reynolds, Samuel Soumaien, Church Wardens, And sundry of the Parishioners. Who unanimously make Choice of Dr Charles Carroll, and Mr John Worthington, to be Vestrymen, in the Room of Mr Thomas Jennings and Capt. John Carpenter, who are Discharged from that Office. And of Mr John Brice and Mr Thomas Worthington, to be Church wardens in the Room of Mr William Reynolds, and Mr Samuel Soumaien, who are Discharged from that Office.

Dr Charles Carroll, Mr John Worthington, and Mr Thomas Worthington, took the Oaths of their respective Offices, and [p. 283] the other Oaths required by Law for their qualification. At which Time a Vestry was held. Present as above. Ordered, That one of the Laws Passed last Session, be purchased for the use of this Vestry.

June 7, 1748. At a Vestry held in the Parish Church Present. The Reverend M^r John Gordon, Rector, Edward Dorsey, Nicholas Maccubbin, Charles Carroll, John Worthington, Ves-
[p. 284] trymen Thomas Worthington, John Brice, Church Wardens. No Body appeared to purchase the Pews, in the Gallery over the South entrance of the Church. July 5, 1748. At a Vestry held in the Parish Church Present The Reverend M^r John Gordon, Rector, Edw^d Dorsey, Ashbury Sutton, Jonas Green, Nicholas Maccubbin, Vestryman, Thomas Worthington, John Brice, Church Wardens . . .
[p. 285] Ordered, That M^{rs} Priscilla Woodward, Widow, take care of the Chapel, in the room of M^r Peter Porter, and that she be allowed as usual for the care thereof.

Maryland ss.

This Indenture made this Twenty seventh Day of September in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and Forty six, By and Between Joshua George of the one Part, and Ashbury Sutton of the City of Annapolis of the other Part, Witnesseth, That the said Joshua George for and in Consideration of the sum of Ten Pounds Current money of Maryland in hand paid by him the said Ashbury, the Receipt whereof he the said Joshua doth hereby acknowledge, He the said Joshua doth by these Presents Give, Grant, Bargain and sell unto him the said Ashbury Sutton, a Pew in the Gallery of the Church of the City of Annapolis that lately and immediately before the making of this Deed did belong to him the said Joshua George, and which seat is between that of Robert Gordons Esq^r and one that belong'd to Doctor Alexander Frazer, Deceased, To Have and to Hold the same seat unto him the said Ashbury Sutton his Heirs and Assigns for ever hereafter, and the said Joshua George for himself, his Heirs, Executors and Administrators, Doth hereby Covenant, Grant and Agree to and with the said Ashbury Sutton, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns that he and they may for ever hereafter Have, Hold, Possess and Enjoy the same, without the Let, Hinderance, Mo-

lestation or ejection of him the same Joshua George, or any under him Claiming or to Claim the same. In Testimony whereof the Parties to these Presents have Interchangeably [p. 286] set their Hands and Seals the Day and year first first above mentioned.

Sealed and Delivered

Joshua George (SEAL)

before us

Robert Gordon.

Geo. Dent.

On the Back whereof was wrote:

Received the within Consideration money this 27th Sept^r 1746
it being £10 Cur.

Joshua George.

Memorandum, That on the 27 Day of September 1746, after the making the within Deed, personally came Joshua George before me the Subscriber One of his Lordship's Justices of the Provincial Court of Maryland, and acknowledged the within to be his Act and Deed according to the Form of the Act of Assembly in such Case made and provided.

Robert Gordon.

Septemb^r 6, 1748. At a Vestry Held in the Parish Church Present. The Reverend M^r John Gordon, Rector. Ashbury [p. 287] Sutton, Charles Carroll, John Worthington, Jonas Green, Vestrymen, And M^r Thomas Worthington, Church Warden.

Ordered, That the Key of the Chapel be again returned to Peter Porter, as the Widow Woodward lives out of the Parish, and that the said Porter have the usual Allowance of Thirty shillings a year for taking Care of the Chapel.

M^r Porter was allowed Thirty shillings for taking care of the Chapel to July last, and was ordered to receive his Pay of the Register.

Mrs. Elizabeth Walls was allowed her Account of Thirty five Shillings, for making a Surplice for the Minister, and Ordered to receive her Pay of the Register. . . .

Octob^r 4, 1748. At a Vestry. Held in the Parish Church. Present, The Rev^d M^r John Gordon, Rector. Charles Carroll, Nicholas Maccubbin, John Worthington, Jonas Green, Vestrymen, Thomas Worthington, John Brice, Church Wardens.

In Pursuance of the Directions of an Act of Assembly of this Province, made and passed on the 16th Day of May 1747, entituled, "An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees" And of one other Act of Assembly [p. 288] made and passed on the 10th Day of May 1748, entituled, "An Act for altering and establishing certain Warehouses, and for other Purposes therein mentioned" after having duly qualified according to the first mentioned Act, for the choosing Inspectors, this Vestry proceeded to nominate and recommend the following Persons viz. Capt. Charles Griffith, M^r Thomas Lusby, M^r Robert Davidge and M^r Richard Maccubbin, for the Inspection at the City of Annapolis. And M^r Richard Warfield son of John; and M^r Augustin Gambrill for the Inspection at Indian Landing in Anne Arundel County.

Ordered, That the Register acquaint the Clerk of the Council, of the above Nomination and Recommendation according to the Directions of the Act of Assembly.

[p. 289]. Decemb. 13, 1748. At a Vestry held in the Parish Church Present, The Rev. M^r John Gordon, Rector. Charles Carroll, John Worthington, Nicholas Maccubbin, Jonas Green, Vestrymen. Thomas Worthington, John Brice, Church wardens.

The Vestry received the following Letter viz:

Gentlemen,

Three of the Persons you recommended to the Governor for Inspectors at the Warehouse at the City of Annapolis have refused to Serve, of which I am directed by the Governor to acquaint you, that you may pursue such methods as the Act of Assembly directs.

I am your most humble Servant

2nd Decemb. 1748

J. Ross.

To the Gentlemen of the Vestry of St.
Anne's Parish, in Anne Arundel County.

Whereupon they proceeded to nominate and recommend Mr Robert Lusby, and Mr John Mercer to be Inspectors at the City of Annapolis.

Ordered, That Notice be given to the Parishioners to meet next Vestry Day and chuse a Vestryman in the room of Mr Ashbury Sutton, who is removed out of the Province.

March 27, 1749 being Easter Monday. At a Vestry Held in the Parish Church Present The Rev. Mr John Gordon, [p. 290] Rector, Dr Charles Carroll, Mr John Worthington, Jonas Green and Nicholas Maccubbin, Vestrymen, Mr Thomas Worthington, Church warden, And several others of the Parishioners.

Who make Choice of Mr Thomas Worthington and Dr Alexander Hamilton, to be Vestrymen, in the Room of Mr Edward Dorsey and Mr Ashbury Sutton. And of Mr Walter Dulany and Mr Samuel Soumaien to be Church wardens in the room of Mr Thomas Worthington and Mr John Brice.

Messrs. Worthington, Hamilton, and Soumaien, were qualified according to Law, by taking the usual Oaths required, to their respective Offices.

April 4, 1749. At a Vestry held in the Parish Church, Present, Jonas Green, Thomas Worthington, Alexander Hamilton, Vestrymen, Mr. Samuel Soumaien, Church Warden. Mr Walter Dulany who was chosen one of the Church wardens on Easter Monday past, appeared and was qualified by taking the usual Oaths required by Law, before Alderman Cumming. [p. 291] Reverend Andrew Lendrum inducted this day.

[p. 293] At a Vestry held July 25, 1749, Present, The Rev^d Mr Andrew Lendrum, Rector, Nicholas Maccubbin, Charles Carroll, Thomas Worthington, Jonas Green, Vestrymen, Mr Samuel Soumaien, Church Warden.

Ordered, That the Sale of the Vestry's Tobacco, in the Hands of the Sheriff, be advertised in the Gazette to be on the 9th of August, To which Time The Vestry adjourns.

[p. 294] Aug. 9, 1749. The Vestry met at the sign of the Indian King. Present, The Rev. Mr Andrew Lendrum, Rector, Nicholas Maccubbin, Charles Carroll, Alexander Hamilton, Jonas Green, Vestrymen, Mr Samuel Soumaien, Church Warden. The Tobacco belonging to the Vestry, in the Hands of the Sheriff was exposed to Sale, and bid for by Mr Thomas Williamson, Twenty-two shillings and six Pence Currency per Hundred.

The Vestry agreed with Mr Thomas Williamson to Pale in the Church yard, and find all the materials for Eighty Pounds Current money.

Sept. 26, 1749. At a Vestry held in the Parish Church. The Rev^d Mr Andrew Lendrum, late Rector, resigned his Induction. Present Charles Carroll, Alexander Hamilton, Jonas Green, Vestrymen. Mr Samuel Soumaien, Church warden. The Rev^d Mr Alexander Malcolm, produced to the Vestry the following Induction. . .

Nov. 10, 1749. At a meeting of the Vestry, Present, Dr Charles Carroll, Mr Thomas Worthington, Dr Alexander Hamilton, Jonas Green, Vestrymen. Mr Samuel Soumaien, Mr Walter Dulany, Church Wardens. The Vestry proceeded to mark out the Church yard.

Ordered, That the Register apply to the Magistrates of this County, in the Name of the Vestry, for a Levy of Ten per Poll on all the Taxables of this Parish, for Parochial Charges.

December 5, 1749. At a Meeting of the Vestry Present. [p. 296] The Rev^d Mr Alexander Malcolm Rector. Mr Thomas Worthington, Mr Nicholas Maccubbin, Dr Charles Carroll, Dr Alexander Hamilton, Jonas Green, Vestrymen, Mr Samuel Soumaien, Church Warden.

After Qualifying Dr Hamilton, and Mr Soumaien (according to the Law for choosing Inspectors) they proceeded to Nominate and Reccommend the following Persons for Inspectors, for the year ensuing viz: Mr Richard Maccubbin, Mr John Mercer, Mr Samuel Howard and Mr Charles Griffith Junr for the inspection at Annapolis Mr Augustine Gambrill and Mr Joshua Warfield for the Inspection at Indian Landing.

April 3^d 1750. At a meeting of the Vestry, Present The Rev^d Mr Alexander Malcolm, Rector, Mr Nicholas Maccubbin, [p. 297] Mr Thomas Worthington, Jonas Green, Vestrymen, Mr Samuel Soumaien, Mr Walter Dulany, Church Wardens.

Ordered, That the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County be wrote to by the Register, in the Name of the Vestry, to acquaint him, that they lay Claim to the Forty per Poll from the Time of the Rev. Mr Gordon's Induction into St. Michael's Parish in Talbot County, until the Date of the Rev. Mr Lendrum's Induction into this Parish, being the 29th of March 1749. . .

April 16, 1750. Being Easter Monday. At a Meeting of the Vestry. Present, The Rev^d Mr Alexander Malcolm, Rector, Jonas Green, Charles Carroll, Thomas Worthington, Vestrymen. Mr Samuel Soumaien, Church warden. And Sundry of the Parishioners.

Who make Choice of Messrs. Samuel Howard and Gamaliel Butler, to be Church wardens, in the room of Mr Soumaien and Mr Dulany, who are Discharged from that Office, and the new elected Church wardens were qualified according to Law. They likewise make Choice of Mr Charles Griffith and Mr Richard Dorsey to be Vestry-men in the room of Jonas Green and Mr Maccubbin, who are discharged from that office.

Sept. 24, 1750. At a meeting of the Vestry, Present Mr John Worthington, Dr Charles Carroll, Dr Alexander Hamilton, Mr Richard Dorsey, Capt. Charles Griffith, Vestrymen. After Qualifying Mr Richard Dorsey and Capt. Charles Griffith (according to the Law for choosing Inspectors) they pro-

ceeded to Nominate and recommend the following Persons for Inspectors, for the year ensuing viz: M^r Augustine Gambrill, M^r Sylvanus Marriott, M^r Augustine Marriott, M^r Richard Warfield son of John, for the Inspection at Indian Landing. [p. 300] M^r. Richard Maccubbin, M^r John Mercer, M^r Charles Griffith, jun^r and M^r John Hammond son of Thos. John, for the Inspection at Annapolis.

March 5, 1750-1. At a Vestry held at the House of M^r Soumaien, Present, The Rev. M^r Malcolm, Rector, M^r Thomas Worthington, D^r Charles Carroll, D^r Alexander Hamilton, Vestrymen, M^r Gamaliel Butler, Church warden.

The Vestry ordered, That an Advertisement should be set up by the Church wardens, relating to the Statutes of England, and Laws of this Province, which oblige all Persons to attend the public Worships of God. [The Advertisement was publish'd in the Maryland Gazette.]

April 8, 1751. Being Easter Monday. At a Vestry held. Present, The Rev^d M^r Malcolm, Rector, M^r Thomas Worthington, [p. 302] Capt. Charles Griffith, M^r Richard Dorsey, Vestrymen, M^r Saml. Howard Church Warden. And Sundry other of the Parishioners Who made choice of M^r Walter Dulany, and M^r Richard Warfield jun^r to be Vestrymen in the room of D^r Charles Carroll and M^r John Worthington, who are discharged from that Office.

Likewise of M^r Robert Davidge, and M^r John Thompson to be Church-wardens in the room of Mess^{rs} Samuel Howard and Gamaliel Butler, who are discharged from that Office. . . .

LAND NOTES, 1634-1655.

(Continued from Vol. IX, p. 46.)

Liber B, No. 3, p. 185.

Know all men by these presents that I Richard Preston of the Province of Maryland for divers Good causes Me thereunto Moveing, And for a Valuable Consideration by me already received, Have bargained and Sold and by these presents doe bargain and Sell unto John Tennis of Putuxent . . . one parcell of Land Scituate lying and being upon the Easterly Side of a Creeke Called Leonards Creek Being being part of one Thousand Acres belonging to me the Said Preston, which in Length Runneth from the Bay Side to the aforesaid Creeke. . . .

1656

Signed & Delivered in the
p^rsence of Woodman Stockley
Sampson Waring
John Sutton

Richard Preston

[188] Know all men by these presents that I John Bagbie of Putuxent planter . . . Have bargained and Sold . . . unto James Godsgrace of the Same place . . . one parcell of Land Containing two hundred Acres Scituate lying and beginning at Bagbees branch and for the Length thereof to the mouth of the Hunting Creeke along the River of Putuxent. In Wittness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand this 22th of may 1656.

Testes

William Harper
John Sutton

The mrk of
John B Bagbee

Lib. B, No. 3, p. 189, June 16, 1656.

Caveat of two hundred acres of Land is granted to John Bag-

bey at the Mouth of Hunting Creek on the Land which John Turner formerly Lay'd Claime to.

Caveat of one hundred and fiftie Acres of Land is Granted to Henry Keene 50 Acres Joyning to Cornelius Neck and a hundred where it is not taken up already.

Caveat of 200 Acres of Land is Granted to James Jolly for the Transportation of 4 persons into this Province.

Caveat of one hundred Acres of Land is Granted unto William Pritchard Lying in the hunting Creeke next to m^r Michael Brook's Land.

Caveat of 200 Acres of Land is Granted to Ishmael Wright lying at the Deviding Joyning to the Land which he hath taken up already and he is to make his Rights appeare at the next Court.

[192]	Edward Keene plft	} Whereas it appeares to this Court that Edward Keene Sold Two hundred Acres of Land to William Turner lying over against Matopany Towne It is therefore ordered that the Said Turner Shall Satisfie the Said Keene for the Said Land and Edward Keene to give William Turner a Bill of Sale for the Land and either to bear Equall Charges.
	William Turner def ^t	

Caveat of five hundred and fifty Acres of Land is Granted unto Timothy Gunton for Seven Rights which he bought of m^{rs} Parr and & Three Rights which he bought of m^r Hugh Standly and his own Transportacon into this Province, the Said Land lying on the North Side of Putuxent River over against m^{rs} Brookes Land known by the Name of Quastoe.

Lib. B, No. 3, p. 194, June 17, 1656.

Certificate of 200 Acres of Land is Granted unto Edward Wood for 4 Right which Said Right are Assigned unto him from Timothy Gunton.

Caveat of 200 Acres of Land is Granted to Henry Pope at the place where he is now Seated being on the East Side of a Great Branch between the Said Pope & m^r Woodman Stockley Running towards the head of the Creeke.

LAND NOTES, 1634-1655.

(Continued from Vol. IX, p. 46.)

Liber B, No. 3, p. 185.

Know all men by these presents that I Richard Preston of the Province of Maryland for divers Good causes Me thereunto Moveing, And for a Valuable Consideration by me already received, Have bargained and Sold and by these presents doe bargain and Sell unto John Tennis of Putuxent . . . one parcell of Land Scituate lying and being upon the Easterly Side of a Creeke Called Leonards Creek Being being part of one Thousand Acres belonging to me the Said Preston, which in Length Runneth from the Bay Side to the aforesaid Creeke. . . .

1656

Signed & Delivered in the
p^rsence of Woodman Stockley
Sampson Waring
John Sutton

Richard Preston

[188] Know all men by these presents that I John Bagbie of Putuxent planter . . . Have bargained and Sold . . . unto James Godsgrace of the Same place . . . one parcell of Land Containing two hundred Acres Scituate lying and beginning at Bagbees branch and for the Length thereof to the mouth of the Hunting Creeke along the River of Putuxent. In Wittness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand this 22th of may 1656.

Testes

William Harper
John Sutton

The mrk of

John B Bagbee

Lib. B, No. 3, p. 189, June 16, 1656.

Caveat of two hundred acres of Land is granted to John Bag-

bey at the Mouth of Hunting Creek on the Land which John Turner formerly Lay'd Claime to.

Caveat of one hundred and fiftie Acres of Land is Granted to Henry Keene 50 Acres Joyning to Cornelius Neck and a hundred where it is not taken up already.

Caveat of 200 Acres of Land is Granted to James Jolly for the Transportation of 4 persons into this Province.

Caveat of one hundred Acres of Land is Granted unto William Pritchard Lying in the hunting Creeke next to m^r Michael Brook's Land.

Caveat of 200 Acres of Land is Granted to Ishmael Wright lying at the Deviding Joyning to the Land which he hath taken up already and he is to make his Rights appeare at the next Court.

[192] Edward Keene plft } Whereas it appeares to this
William Turner def^t } Court that Edward Keene
Sold Two hundred Acres of Land to William Turner lying over against Matopany Towne It is therefore ordered that the Said Turner Shall Satisfie the Said Keene for the Said Land and Edward Keene to give William Turner a Bill of Sale for the Land and either to bear Equall Charges.

Caveat of five hundred and fifty Acres of Land is Granted unto Timothy Gunton for Seven Rights which he bought of m^{rs} Parr and & Three Rights which he bought of m^r Hugh Standly and his own Transportacon into this Province, the Said Land lying on the North Side of Putuxent River over against m^{rs} Brookes Land known by the Name of Quastoe.

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Caveat of 200 Acres of Land is Granted to Henry Pope at the place where he is now Seated being on the East Side of a Great Branch between the Said Pope & m^r Woodman Stockley Running towards the head of the Creeke.

George Bussey aged 34 years or thereabouts Sworne and Examined Saith

That Edward Keene Sold all his Right and Title of Two hundred acres of Land to William Turnor as he bought it of m^r Parrott, and further Saith not

Richard Keene Sworn & Examined
Saith the Same

the mark of
Richard R K Keene

[199] June 2^d 1656

I Cornelius Cannady doe Assigne over unto John Knap all my Right and Title and Interest of all the Land that is unsold within this Indenture according to a writing more at Large appeareth, Given to the Said John Knap under my hand. Wittness my hand the day and yeare above written

mark of

X

Wittness

Cornelius Cannady

mark of

Richard X Sheppey

William Ewen

Know ye that We for and in Consideration that Thomas Hebden hath Transported into our Province of Maryland to plant and Inhabit there, himself in the year 1635 and his wife Katherine in the yeare 1640 and hath assigned to him by James Neale now Esq and of our Councell one Thousand Acres of Land due to the Said James Neale by Conditions of Plantation for transporting into the Province five able men in the year 1640 . . . doe Give Grant Enfeoffe and Confirme unto the Said Thomas Hebden all that Neck of Land lying on the west Side of St^t George's River, Bounding on the East with the Said River, on the South and west on St^t George's Creeke and on the North with a Line drawn from the head of a Creek in St^t George's River Called Beanes Creeke, West into St^t George's Creeke Containing and now laid out for Seven hundred Acres

more or lesse. . . . Given at St Maries this Seventh day of february in the yeare of our Lord 1643

Wittness our Said Lieutenant Generall

Giles Brent

This 10th of June 1656

I Katherine Marshall wife of William Marshall the Late wife of Thomas Hebden deceased doe assigne over all my right and Title of Six hundred acres of Land lying in St George's Creek unto James Hall his heirs and assignes for Ever as Wittness my hand

Wittnessed by

Katherine Marshall

His mark

Peter Libar

John Douglas

I Lieutenant Coll Samuell Smith Administrator of Robert Duglasse deceased doe Assigne and Transence all my Right Title and Interest of a Patent of five hundred Acres of Land in the Province of Maryland lying at Cedar Point in Patomock River . . . doe Warrant the Said Land unto William Batten. Wittness my hand the 24th of may Anno Domini 1655

Sam^{ll} Smith

Wittness. Will^m Thomas

I Lieuten^t Col Samuell Smith have Sold unto m^r William Batten all my Right and Title of a parcell of Land Called by the Name of Cedar Point in the Province of Maryland and am to Deliver the Pattent for the Said Land and desireth my friend m^r Michael Brooke to acknowledge the Same in Court there in Putuxent as Wittness my hand the 24th of may 1656.

Wittness Thomas Spekes

Samuell Smith.

[209] Whereas by a Conveyance bearing date the 8th of march 1654 of Thomas Greene and Jane Greene late widdow of Nicholas Harvie deceased hath bargained and Sold unto m^r Edward Lloyd of the Province of Maryland all their Right Title and Interest of one parcell of land in Putuxent River as

by the Said Condition upon Record may appeare The Court doth therefore order that the Said m^r Edward Lloyd Shall be putt in quiet Possession of the Said Land by the Sheriffe according to the Said Conveyance in Convenient time when he Shall be thereunto required.

[216] To all to whom these writings Shall Come, I Thomas Greene of Elizabeth River in Virginia planter Send Greeting. Whereas Leonard Calvert Esq and Governour of Maryland did Give and Grant unto Nicholas Harvie of the afores^d Province one Thousand acres of Land lying on the Southwest Side of Putuxent River over against Point patience Commonly Called and known by the Name of St Thomas his Point being due unto him according to the Lord Baltimore his Conditions of Plantation. Now know ye That We Thomas Greene and Jane Greene late wife of the foresaid Nicholas Harvie, Have bargained Sold alienated, and doe by these presents, Bargain Sell . . . unto Edw^d Lloyd of the Same Province . . .

In Wittness whereto we have hereunto Set o^r hands & Seales the 8th day of march 1654.

	Signum
Signed Sealed & dd in the p ^r sence of	Thomas X Greene
Signum	
Will ^m X Greene	Signum
Robert Langley	Jane X Greene

Memorand: That I Edward Lloyd . . . Have and doe by these p^rsents assigne and pass over all my Right Title and Interest unto this Conveyance and Contents within Specified and to all intents and purposes within mentioned unto Ishmael Wright & William Stogden . . . Wittness my hand this 26th of September 1656.

Signed in the p ^r sence of	Edward Lloyd
Sam. Waring	
Richard Smith	This was acknowledged before us
	W ^m fuller
	Rich: Preston

Memorand: That I Edward Lloyd doe this 26th of Septemb. 1656 give and Deliver unto Ishmael Wright and William Stogden quiet and peaceable possession of all the Messages Lands and Tenem^{ts} with the appurtenances within Mentioned according to the Contents of the Conveyance in the presence of

Edw^d Lloyd

Richard Smith Sampson Waring
 Signum High Sheriffe
 William Gibbins

[217] Whereas by an Act of a Provinciall Court held at Putuxent bearing date the 23th of Septemb^r 1656. It was Ordered that the Sheriffe Should put m^r Edward Lloyd into quiett possession of one parcell of Land in Putuxent River Commonly Called and known by the Name of S^t Thomas his Point formerly belonging to Jane Greene late Widow of Nicholas Harvie deceased as may and doth appeare by the Said Order and Conveyance upon Record on which the Said order was Granted.

These are therefore in his Highness the Lord Protector's Name to will and require you to give full possession unto the Said Lloyd of the S^d plantacon according to Law, Given under my hand this 25th of September 1656 William fuller
 To the High Sheriffe of Putuxent
 or his Deputie

Memorand: That I Sampson Waring high Sheriffe of the County of Putuxent the 26th day of Septemb 1656 did Enter and take quiet possession of the Messages Lands and premises in the Acts above Mentioned in pursuance of the Said Acts, and did there upon the Same day deliver the quiet and peaceable possession thereof to m^r Edward Lloyd in the presence of us.

Richard Smith
 Signum
 William Gibbins.

Sampson Waring high
 Sheriffe of Putuxent

These presents Wittnesseeth That I ffrancis Brooke in the County of St^t Maries Gent, doe bind myself my heirs Executors Administrators & Assignes unto Thomas Hinson of the Isle of kent his heirs Executors Administrators or Assignes, That Whereas I the Said ffrancis Brooke have the 26th of this Instant Month made a Bill of Sale unto the Said Hinson of a Plantation Commonly known by the Name of Beaver Neck for a Bill of two thousand pounds of Tobacco and Caske dated the 27th of this Month payable in the County of Providence for the S^d Land I doe by these presence here bind my Self as afores^d to Deliver unto m^r Collett of Putuxent a Deed of Guift under the hand and Seale of Ld Baltemore with a Letter of Attorney unto the Said Hinson by the 20th of october next, and in default thereof that then I Shall be willing to Relinquish all my Said Right thereunto or any Just Claime under me and that the abovesaid Hinsons Bill to be Void & of noe Effect, And to the true intent and meaning hereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seale being this 26th of September 1656.

Signed & delivered in the p^rsence

ffrancis Brooke

of John Sutton

his Signe

Will Mitchell

[219] Know all men by these presents that I Barnaby Jackson of the County of St^t Maries planter . . . doe bargaine and Sell unto Timothy Gudridge of the County of Putuxent planter one hundred Acres of Land, ginning and lying on the Northwest Side of the Said Barnaba Jackson his land and Called by the Name of fresh pond neck. . . . In Wittness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand this 31th of decembr^r 1655.

Barnaba Jackson.

Wittness John Metcalfe

John Choroy

John Loul

May 27th 1656

Know all men by these presents that I Robert Clarke of the Province of Maryland Gent . . . have Sold assign'd and Sett

over unto Ann Hamond wife of John Hamond and his Sole Attorney as by a Deed under his hand doth appear for him the Said John Hamond and to his use All my right Title and Interest of a Plantation Lying over the East Side of Brettons Bay, Containing and Laid out for one Thousand Acres of Land more or Lesse. . . . Wittness my hand this day and year above written.

Robert Clarke.

Signed & Delivered in presence
of John Lawson
Robert Thimbleby

[278] Know all men by these presents that I Ann Hamond wife and Attorney of John Hamond Late of the Province of Maryland by Vertue of two Letters of Attorney made by my Said Husband, one of them dated the 13th day of April in the year of our Lord God 1655 made to my Self and one Walter Peakes, Impowering us Jointly or Severally to act as his Attorney or Attorneys and the other dated the 16th of the Said month of Aprill Impowering me Singly to Act as his Attorney . . . Have Given Granted bargained Sold assigned & Sett over, and by these presents doe fully freely and absolutely Give, Grant, bargain Sell assigne and Sett over unto the Said Richard Hotchkeys one plantation lying on the East Side of Brettons Bay Conveyed unto me by Robert Clarke Gent for the use of my Said Husband by Bill of Sale dated the 27th day of may last past, Laid out for and Containing by Estimacon one Thousand acres be it more or lesse. . . . In Wittness whereof I the Said Ann Hamond have, have hereunto Sett my hand and Seale this present 18th of November 1656

Ann Hamond

Sealed Signed & Delivered in the
presence of us Walter Peake
John Lawson
Robert Thimbleby

These may Satisfie that I whose name is hereunder written was present at the Revocation of Ann Hamond wife to John

Hamond of all power Jointly Given to Walter Peake and the Said above Ann Hamond And further I was present at the Same time at her delivery of the Same Land with free possession and further the within named Walter Peake was there p^rsent as Wittness my hand this 18th of November 1656.

John Lawson

I was Likewise present when the possession above-written was declared unto Richard Hotchkeyes by the abovenamed Ann Hamond upon the 18th of November 1656

Robert Thimbleby

[January the 28th 1656]

George Bussey doth this day Enter a Caveat for Administration of the Estate within this Province belonging to Edward Beasley deceased.

Caveat is Entred for 50 Acres of Land by Thomas Hopkins Joyning to the Said Thomas Hopkins Land in St John's Creeke where he the Said Hopkins now Liveth.

Caveat Entred by William Stogden for administration upon the Estate of William Gibbins deceased the 26th of January 1656.

William Stephens doth this day Enter a Caveat for 200 Acres of Land upon a Neck of Land upon Putuxent River adjoining to 200 Acres of Land formerly Survey'd.

Caveat for 200 Acres of Land is Granted unto John Bagbey upon the Northerly Side of a Creeke adjoining to the Land of Thomas Thomas where the Indians Now dwell being in lieu of 200 Acres of Land form^rly taken up by the Said Bagbey upon the lower Side and adjoining to the Mouth of the Hunting Creeke.

Caveat for 150 acres of Land is Granted to John Dammarell adjoining to the 200 acres of Land of John Bagbeys above mentioned.

Caveat for one hundred and 50 Acres of Land is Granted unto Mathew Smith, who Married the Relict of Richard Man-

ship upon the Right of the Said Manships rightes of Transportacon lying between the Land of m^r Hamestead and Cornelius Cannedy in the Indian Towne.

Caveat is Granted to m^r Michael Brookes for three hundred Acres of Land in the Indian Towne Joyning upon John Damaells upward.

Record for Monsieur Antony Lecompt.

To all to whom these presents Shall Come We Ishmael Wright of the Province of Maryland planter and Ann his wife Send greeting, Know ye that for and in Consideration of two Thousand and five hundred pounds of Good Sound Merchantable leafe Tobacco and Caske to us in hand paid by Anthony Le Compte of the Province of Maryland planter We the Said Ishmael Wright and Ann Wright Have sold unto the Said Anthony Le Compte, one Plantation lately in the tenure or occupation of Henry Bullen and Alexander Mayrobe upon Point Patience in Patuxent River being Survey'd and Laid out for Seventy five Acres of Land more or lesse with the Dwelling house . . . lying and being between the plantations of John Ascombe and William Stephens. In Wittness whereof, We have herunto Sett our hands this thirteenth day of January 1656.

Signum

Subscribed & Delivered by Ishmael
Wright in the presence of
Will Mitchell
Sampson Warring

Ishmael X Wright
Signum
Annie X Wright

This Indenture made in the yeare of our Lord 1653 Between William Eltonhead Gent of the one part and John Anderson Gent of the other party. Wittnesseth that the Said William Eltonhead . . . Hath, Granted Demised, and to farm letten unto the Said John Anderton his heirs Executors or Assignes, all that parcell of Land wherein I now Dwell, and have Builded and Cleared my plantation, with all the housing and the appurtenances thereto belonging, as also the Island and the Rich

neck and a Neck Called hog Neck the Little Island and the March thereto belonging unto the Said Island . . . unto the Said John Anderton, his wife and her heirs Lawfully begotten of her body, from the feast day of the Nativity of our Saviour last past for the terme of Ninety nine Years. . . . And the Said John Anderton is (to hold the Same with all priviledges of hunting fowling water Course, Egress and Regress of Chatle and hogs, or any other Goods within the Said Mannor In Wittness whereof I have Sett my hand and Seale the day and yeare above written William Eltonhead
Signed and Sealed in the presence of

John Anketill
John X Pedro
ffrancis Anketill

Concordat Cum Orriginali
Teste me Tho: Turner Clk

Know all men by these presents that I Richard Nevett doe hereby Sell and make over for me my heirs or Assignes one half of three hundred acres of Land Clear'd and uncleared with half the housing thereon unto Peter Achilles in Consideration of two thousand pound of Tobacco and Caske to be paid unto me the Said Nevett my heirs or Assigns at the Third Crop, next Ensuing the date hereof by the Said Achilles. . . . Wittness my hand the 15th of may 57.

Wittness Thomas Turner
Thomas Carye

Signum
Richard X Nevett

The Depo. of Tho. Davis

Thomas Davis aged 50 years or thereabouts Sworne and Examined in open Court Saith, That he this Depon^t was present, when the agreement was made between John Scottcher and Nicholas Carr, where the S^d Scottcher did Exchange one hundred acres of Land on the Clifts, for one hundred at Patapsco, and that the Said Nicholas Carr did pay him the Said Scottcher, all Charges for the Laying out of the Said Land, And farther Saith not
Tho: Davis

[The Depo. of Samp: Waring]

Sampson Waring aged 38 years or thereabouts Sworne and Examined in open Court, Saith that he this Depon^t was present at the aforesaid agreement and that the above mentioned agreement^t was made betwixt the Said Scottcher, and Nicholas Carr, and that the Said Nicholas Carr was to pay the Charges for laying out that Land at Patapsco, and he the Said Scottcher to pay Charges for the Laying out of th^t at th^e Clifts, And further Saith not.

Sam: Waring.

[273] Whereas it appeareth to this Court upon the Testimony of Cap^t Sampson Waring and m^r Thomas Davis that Nicholas Carr did Exchange one hundred acres of Land in Patapsco with Iohn Scottcher for one hundred acres of Land at the Cliftes, which Land the Said Scottcher gave him the Said Carr possession of and upon which hundred acres of Land the said Carr now Liveth, and hath builded and Cleared, The Court doth order that the Said Carr shall quietly enjoy the said one hundred acres of Land, unless the Said Scottcher or Some for him, do shew good reason to the Contrary.

[285] These presents Wittness that I Timothy Goodridge of Putuxent planter, do assigne and make over unto Peter Godson of the Same place Phistion . . . one parcell of Land being one hundred acres, which I the Said Timothy Goodridge, bought of Barnaby Iackson which Land adjoyning unto the Said Barnaby Iacksons Land and Called by the Name of fresh pond neck Scituate and lying by the Bay Side next unto m^r William Eltonheade

In Wittness whereof I have hereunto putt my hand this 18th day of Novemb 1655.

Signed and Delivered in the
p^rsence of me William Ewen
Ambrose Bigge

Timothy Goodridge
Concordat Cum Orriginali
teste me Tho: Turner. Clk

These presents Wittness that I Peter Godson with the Consent of my wife Sarah Godson doe for me my heirs Executors

and Administrators doe assigne over all my Right Title and Interest of this within mention'd one hundred Acres of Land unto Iohn Cheron of the Province of St Maries planter . . . by Vertu of this within Specified Bill of Sale from Timothy Goodridge bearing date the Eighteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one Thousand Six hundred fiftie and five
Witness my hand 1656

Pierre Dieu fil

Signed and Delivered in the presence

Signum

Edmond Cannoway

Tobias Mathew

Sarah Z Godson

SAMUEL ALEXANDER HARRISON, A. M., M. D.
1822-1890.

OSWALD TILGHMAN.

The subject of this Memoir was born October 10, 1822, at Clay's Hope farm in Saint Michael's district, Talbot County, Maryland, fronting on the Tread Avon river, directly opposite the town of Oxford. His parents were Alexander Bradford Harrison and Eleanor (Spencer) Harrison, daughter of Colonel Perry Spencer of "Spencer Hall," whose grandfather, James Spencer, Junior, married Anne Benson, daughter of Dr. James Benson, who emigrated from England to Maryland in 1670, and who commanded a troop of horse in Talbot County in colonial times.

Doctor Harrison spent the active years of his youth in securing the education and knowledge necessary for the work he had in view. His preliminary instruction under the skilled and learned Reverend Joseph Spencer, D. D., was completed at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., where, in a large and talented class, he gave evidence of a marked superiority in those branches pertaining to history, rhetoric, logic and the philosophies. He graduated, with honor, in 1840, at the age of eighteen. Having

chosen the profession of medicine, he entered into the study of that science with avidity and earnestness so remarkable, that he was graduated with distinction in a class composed of some of the strongest men that the University of Maryland has sent from its halls. Having received his diploma, he began the practice of his profession with such zeal that his health, never robust, soon broke beneath the strain, and compelled him to seek strength and health in the then distant western city of Saint Louis, Missouri. Temporarily engaged in business there, his active and scholarly mind soon tired of the monotonous commercial round, and being independent in fortune, he sought anew the home of his childhood in Maryland, and after a few years residence in Baltimore City, he became permanently a citizen of Talbot County and an honor to it. About the second year of the Civil War, 1862, he established himself on "East Anderton," the Thomas family homestead, a fertile farm, which he purchased, and where he devoted himself to agriculture and to literary pursuits. Having been made President of the County School Board, and Superintendent of Public Schools in Talbot County, under the school system inaugurated in 1864, by the Republican party, of which he was an ardent advocate, he removed to Easton. He performed the important duties of this office with indefatigable industry and well directed intelligence, putting into his work his heart as well as his great abilities and untiring zeal.

The change in the school system under the Constitution of 1867 legislated him out of office. After a residence of about nine years in Easton, he removed to his attractive country seat, "Woodstock," three miles from Easton on a branch of Miles river which he had recently purchased. Here he resided with his family for about seventeen years. For a few years prior to his death he resided at "Foxley Hall," Easton, the residence of his son-in-law, Oswald Tilghman, where he died on the 29th day of May, 1890, in his 68th year.

His hospitable country home was always open to his friends, and his fluency in conversation made him ever a congenial com-

panion of rare qualities, in imparting to others knowledge which he himself never tired of gaining. He was thoroughly imbued with a spirit of kindly consideration for the feelings of his fellowman, with whom he was brought in daily contact. His heart ever went out to the weak, and his every effort was bent towards the education and enlightenment of the ignorant and illiterate who lived about him. His vision was not, however, circumscribed by the horizon of things about him, its range extended far beyond it. His delight was in holding communion with the departed great and good, by uniting research and study of local history, thereby bringing their presence home to the minds of the living.

Doctor Harrison possessed a great historical mind, stored with a knowledge of all the important events and traditions of this favored section. Of almost servile industry his pen was never quiet. For many years he was at his desk long before the faintest glimmer in the East told of the rising of the sun, and often he burned the midnight oil, putting into phrase and sentence facts and incidents of early local history which he has left as literary legacies of great value both to his County and State. Several of his historical papers were read by him before the Maryland Historical Society, of which he was long an active member, and have been published by this society in pamphlet form. In his will he very wisely bequeathed all of his valuable manuscripts and scrap books, the literary labors of a lifetime to the Maryland Historical Society. His voluminous writings comprise a concise and critical history of Talbot County, and necessarily, of the early history of that territory now comprising Queen Anne's County and the western half of Caroline County, which was, originally, a part of Talbot County covering a period of two centuries. They include the civil, military, social, industrial, educational, ecclesiastical and agricultural history of this highly favored and earliest settled section of the Eastern shore of Maryland. These papers have been carefully collated, revised and edited, and much historical data added thereto, since the demise of their author in 1890, by his son-in-law, Oswald Tilghman, who proposes publishing

them in his forthcoming History of Talbot County, which will be issued in two large volumes, to subscribers only.

Among the many historical manuscripts written by Dr. Harrison is a most voluminous and exhaustive "History of the Church of England, and the Protestant Episcopal Church in Talbot," in his prefatory notes to which, he very modestly says, "It is right and proper that the compiler should at the outset, distinctly say that he is so largely indebted to the manuscript history of the parishes of the Eastern shore by Dr. Ethan Allen, and to the published papers of the same industrious historiographer, that he can justly claim small merit for its preparation, as Dr. Allen was the appointed and recognized historian of the church, as well as a devout member of the same, and was therefore in a certain sense its advocate, greater liberty in the statement of facts, and greater freedom of comment than he possessed are permitted to one who holds neither relation, but can only unworthily claim a birthright in her rich memories and a reverent admiration of her beneficent services in the assuagement of human suffering and in the promotion of human progress." Sentiments so modest, so chaste and so beautifully expressed, could only emanate from a refined and cultured mind such as Dr. Harrison possessed.

It has been truthfully said by that brilliant revolutionary hero and historian, Colonel Henry Lee, "Light Horse Harry," the father of General Robert E. Lee, in his preface to his "Memoirs of the War," of the American Revolution, that "In usefulness to society the degree is inconsiderable between the conduct of him who performs great achievements and of him who records them, for short must be the remembrance, circumscribed the influence of patriotic exertions and heroic exploits, unless the patient historian retrieves them from oblivion and holds them up conspicuously for future ages."

To the patient and untiring annalist who faithfully records the virtuous actions and noble deeds of those of his countrymen who have worthily preceded him, is due, from an appreciative posterity, a meed of praise, which they can only in a measure

repay by awarding to his memory respectful homage and veneration. The many descendants of the early "Worthies of Talbot," who are now scattered far and wide throughout this broad continent, when reading these memoirs of their honored ancestors may well exclaim as did Alexander the Great, when viewing the tomb of Achilles, "O, fortunate youth! You who have a Homer to record your deeds of valor."

Those who follow closely the scholarly paragraphs of Doctor Harrison's facile pen will find a literary treat awaiting them. His "Memoirs" are not merely historical sketches and bare biographies of certain characters whose lives have contributed, some to the founding, and others to the upbuilding of Talbot County in every avenue of her advancement, but they are rare gems of literature as well. Among them may be found rich historical data, gleaned from every reliable source, by the patient labor and deep research of a local annalist whose whole heart was in his work, and whose sole reward was the satisfaction of having accomplished a task for which his literary talents so peculiarly fitted him.

More than two decades have elapsed since death cut short the literary labors of Doctor Harrison, and but few of his contemporaries now survive to bear testimony to his many lovable traits and to his great literary accomplishments.

He has reared for himself a monument more lasting and enduring than the massive granite slab that filial affection has placed upon his grave.

"How well do they deserve who memorize,
And leave in books for all posterities
The names of Worthies and their virtuous deeds."

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

MONTHLY MEETING

February 9th, 1914. The regular meeting for the month of February was held at 8.30 p. m., with President Warfield in the chair.

Rev. J. St. Clair Neal, D. D., was elected to active membership and Mrs. William Smith Hille was elected to associate membership.

A letter was read from Leroy S. Boyd, 604 Howard St., N. W., Washington, D. C., which related to Gustavus Hesselius's painting, "The Last Supper," which was said to have been painted for St. Barnabas' Church, Queen Anne's Parish, Prince George's County, Maryland, in 1721. The letter stated that a long time ago the painting had disappeared from the old church and for seventy-five years had been in the possession of the Muncaster family, Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland, and that efforts had been made to secure its return to the church. Mr. Boyd suggested that the Maryland Historical Society assist in the efforts to secure the return of the painting to the Church. Action on this communication was postponed.

Under the heading of miscellaneous business, Mr. Clayton C. Hall proposed the following amendment to article 7 of the Constitution:

"Amend by striking out after the word 'shall' in the seventh line, the words 'state that amendments to the Constitution will be then before the meeting for its action'—and substitute therefor the words 'include therewith a copy of the proposed amendments to the Constitution upon which action is to be taken.'"

This proposed amendment was ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

On motion the Society adjourned.

ANNUAL MEETING.

February 9th, 1914. The annual meeting was held at 9 o'clock, following the adjournment of the stated monthly meeting.

The following nominations which had been made at the meeting on January 12th, 1914, in accordance with the provision of Article 3, Section 3, of the Constitution relating to annual elections, were then read:

For President.

EDWIN WARFIELD.

For Vice-Presidents.

W. HALL HARRIS,

MICHAEL JENKINS,

HENRY STOCKBRIDGE.

For Corresponding Secretary.

RICHARD H. SPENCER.

For Recording Secretary.

GEORGE L. RADCLIFFE.

For Treasurer.

HEYWARD E. BOYCE.

For Trustees of Athenaeum.

MICHAEL A. MULLIN, Chairman.

WILLIAM H. GREENWAY,

OGDEN A. KIRKLAND,

CHARLES C. HOMER,

EDWARD STARLER, JR.,

J. APPLETON WILSON.

For Committee on the Gallery.

MILES WHITE, JR., Chairman.

J. WILSON LEAKIN,

RUXTON M. RIDGELY,

FARIS C. PITT,

JOHN A. TOMPKINS.

For Committee on the Library.

LOUIS H. DIELMAN, Chairman.

WALTER I. DAWKINS,

FREDERICK W. STORY,

RICHARD M. DUVAL,

H. OLIVER THOMPSON,

EDWARD B. MATHEWS,

MOSES R. WALTER.

For Committee on Finance.

R. BRENT KEYSER, *Chairman.*

ROBERT GARRETT,

DOUGLAS H. THOMAS.

For Committee on Publications.

CLAYTON C. HALL, *Chairman.*

SAMUEL K. DENNIS,

BERNARD C. STEINER.

For Committee on Membership.

McHENRY HOWARD, *Chairman.*

JAMES D. IGLEHART,

J. HALL PLEASANTS,

WILLIAM H. LITTLE,

DeCOURCY W. THOM,

ISAAC T. NORRIS,

HENRY WILLIAMS.

For Committee on Genealogy and Heraldry.

THOMAS E. SEARS, *Chairman.*

KIRK BROWN,

WM. M. HAYDEN,

B. BERNARD BROWNE,

CHRISTOPHER JOHNSTON,

WILLIAM J. MCCLELLAN.

For Committee on Addresses and Literary Entertainments.

ANDREW C. TRIPPE, *Chairman.*

WILLIAM M. PEGRAM,

LAWRENCE C. WROTH.

Messrs. Edward Ingle and Ruxton M. Ridgely were appointed tellers and judges of election. Upon their report that nominations for all the offices to be filled had been duly made, but that there was no contest for any office, the Recording Secretary was directed to cast the ballot of the Society for the candidates as nominated. This the Recording Secretary did, whereupon President Warfield announced that those nominated for the offices as stated above had been duly elected to their respective offices.

The report of the Council to the Society was then read by President Warfield.

REPORT OF COUNCIL.

In compliance with the By-Laws and by the instructions of the Council, I report the activities of the Society during the year 1913.

The Library has been open throughout the entire year; the vacations of the employes having been arranged so to alternate as not to involve a closing of our doors.

The gallery was closed to the public on July 1st, 1911, and has remained closed since then through motives of economy.

The receipts of the Society proper for 1913 amounted to \$4,565.60, the details of which together with the disbursements, appear from statements submitted.

The publication by the State of the Archives of Maryland has continued as heretofore under the supervision of the Society, Volume XXXIII of the series having been issued and distributed in October, 1913, to those entitled to receive it. As Volumes XXXII and XXXIII contain so much data of public interest the Council directed that I embrace in this statement the report made to the General Assembly, viz.:

“ Since the session of the General Assembly held in 1912 two volumes of Archives have been completed and issued as follows:

Volume XXXII containing Proceedings of the Council from 1761 to 1770; Minutes of the Board of Revenue, 1768 to 1775; Legal Opinions on the Regulation of Officers' Fees; and Instructions to Governor Eden, dated March 2, 1773.

Volume XXXIII containing Proceedings and Acts of the General Assembly from May 1717 to April 1720.

In Volume XXXII is completed the publication of the Proceedings of the Provincial Council so far as the records have been preserved. These proceedings from 1636 to 1770 have now been printed, and the wide distribution of the published volumes precludes the possibility of future loss. The record of the Council Proceedings during the last few years of Governor Eden's administration—those immediately preceding the Revolutionary War—have not been found though diligent search has been made for them on both sides of the Atlantic.

In this volume is contained an interesting account of the transactions with the Nanticoke Indians who in 1767 determined to leave Maryland and join their Iroquois kinsmen at Ossimingo on the Susquehannah River. The Maryland autho-

rities told them that they were free to depart and that they would be paid for the lands that they relinquished. The incident shows that at this late date the treatment of the Indians by the Maryland authorities continued to be friendly, fair and liberal, as it was at the time of the first settlement of the Province in 1634.

The Minutes of the Board of Revenue throw valuable light on the financial affairs and administration of the Province, and the opinions of eminent English lawyers on the regulation of officers' fees illuminates a question which greatly agitated the Province in 1770. The letter of instructions to Governor Eden relates to the accession of Henry Harford, a minor, as Proprietary of the Province, upon the death of Frederick, the sixth and last Lord Baltimore.

In Volume XXXIII the publication of the journals of the Upper and Lower Houses is resumed at the point to which it was brought in Volume XXX and is continued to the close of the session held in April 1720, the last one held during the somewhat stormy administration of Governor John Hart. The antagonism between the adherents of the House of Hanover, intent upon the preservation of the Protestant succession to the throne of Great Britain, on the one side, and the sympathizers with the Stuart claimant of the crown on the other, were strongly marked, and the legislation of this period shows the determination of those in power to secure the control of Maryland for the "Protestant interest." The culmination was reached in an Act of the Session of 1718 whereby Roman Catholics were deprived of the right to vote at elections for delegates to the General Assembly.

An important piece of legislation during this period was the enactment of a law imposing an additional duty on exports of tobacco, which was accepted by the Proprietary in lieu of the quit rents reserved in the land grants throughout the Province. This measure which was negotiated and advocated by Governor Hart afforded much relief to the poorer planters and land holders.

The question of licensing Ordinaries,—Inns and Taverns—led to a dispute between the Proprietary and the Lower House of Assembly on the subject of authority. The struggle between prerogative and privilege had begun. The question of the regulation of the fees charged by public officers was already another cause of difference, in which the Upper House, composed of members of the Council, sided with the Proprietary. At this period the increased importation of convict servants and the introduction of this lawless element into the Province led to efforts for the restriction of the traffic in convict labor by imposing special obligations and responsibilities upon the masters of vessels and employers of convicts.

In certain cases where the original journals of the Houses of Assembly belonging to the State were either missing or defective, the deficiencies have been supplied from the duplicate copies made for the use of the Lord Proprietary and now owned by the Maryland Historical Society, in its collection of Calvert Papers purchased in 1888.

It may be said in conclusion that the interest of these historic records of the Province is undiminished, and their value in unfolding the original sources of information upon the public affairs of the period is well recognized and appreciated. It is the purpose of the Society to continue the publication of the Proceedings and Acts of Assembly, and it is believed that when it is completed, the State will possess, and will have contributed to the world a record of colonial history in America unsurpassed for interest and completeness."

The publication of the *Maryland Historical Magazine* has been maintained as usual. Volume VIII was completed by the issue of the number for December last. The cost of its publication and distribution for the year has aggregated \$1,184.00. Its receipts from sale and advertising have amounted to \$303.25.

The membership of the Society, at the close of 1913, is as follows:

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY.

	1912	1913
Honorary	2	2
Corresponding	63	52
Active	506	528
Associate	34	32
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	605	614
Net Increase		9
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		605

It is gratifying to note that there is an increase of 22 active members.

The report of each committee will show the activities during the year 1913.

Our monthly meetings have been interesting both from the character of the business transacted and the instructive **papers** which have been read. A brief account of the **proceedings** of our meetings has been printed in each issue of the *Magazine*, and so have some of the papers which were read. A list of these papers will be found in the report of the Committee on Literary Entertainments and Addresses.

The Library Committee to whom the Society referred the work of having the portrait of our former President, Mr. Mendes Cohen, painted in oil, has had the work executed by Mr. Thomas C. Corner, and it is now in our Library. The Library Committee has also had many old volumes of newspapers bound during the year.

The Acting Librarian has given faithful attention to his duties as usual, during the past year, but the increased demands upon the Society for research and other work, raises the question whether the Society should not be placed on its legitimate plane by the employment of a trained librarian, under whose supervision the scattered archives of the Society might be properly classified, filed and indexed, and the entire administration transformed into an harmonious and effective system.

The movement for a new home for the Society has been held

in abeyance because of unsettled financial condition during the past year. An address to the people of Maryland, asking support, has been prepared and signed by one hundred and thirty of the leading members of the Society. The Council is awaiting an opportune time for publishing the same and beginning the campaign to raise the necessary funds.

The following letter and report from the Treasurer was read by the Recording Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR 1913.

Cash on hand January 1, 1913..... \$ 217 34

Receipts for the year 1913.

Current Dues.....	\$ 2,387 00	
Dues in Arrears.....	90 00	
Dues in Advance.....	5 00	
Magazine Sales, Subscriptions, etc.....	303 25	
Sales of Publications.....	16 65	
Investigations and Researches.....	68 70	
Use of Basement.....	567 00	
Income of Peabody Fund*.....	863 00	
Interest other than Peabody Fund.....	240 00	
Unclaimed Deposits.....	15 00	
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	\$ 4,565 60	
Appropriation from Guarantee Fund.....	700 00	
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		5,265 60
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		\$ 5,483 44

* The income of the Peabody Fund differs from the past few years on account of the fact that I have for the past year collected the exact amount due this fund whereas that has not been the case in past years, and also in regard to the amount received for the use of the basement (Hibernian School), is for eighteen months as the payment for the six months ending December 31st, 1912, was not paid until *after* January 1st, 1913.

Expenditures for the Year 1913.

General Expenses.....	\$ 3,295 05	
Use of Basement, Janitor's Service.....	68 40	
Collecting Dues.....	6 00	
Magazine Account.....	1,184 00	
Committee on Library.....	238 26	
Investigations and Researches.....	1 75	
Committee on Publications.....	50	
	<hr/>	4,793 90
Balance on hand January 1, 1914, General Acct		\$ 689 48

Respectfully submitted,

HEYWARD E. BOYCE,
Treasurer.

President Warfield appointed the following committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts:

Messrs. Edward Ingle, Ruxton M. Ridgely and Wm. M. Pegram.

No reports were submitted by the Trustees of the Athenaeum, or the Committees on the Gallery and on Heraldry, respectively. Mr. Howard, of the Committee on Membership, stated that this was the first year since he had been chairman of that Committee that no formal report had been submitted by him. The reason for this he stated was due to the fact that the report showing the condition of the membership of the Society and such other data as had usually been included in the report of the Committee on Membership had already been presented to the Society in the report of the Council.

The report of the Committee on the Library was read by the Corresponding Secretary, as follows:

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Library Committee begs to report the following additions to the Library.

There have been purchased books, manuscripts, current newspapers and magazines to the cost of \$130.04 and the binding

and rebinding of seventy-four volumes at the cost of \$68.22 has been authorized.

The total disbursements as authorized amounted to \$198.26.

In accordance with the resolution of the Society of February 10, authorizing the Library Committee to arrange for the painting of the portrait of our former president, Mr. Mendes Cohen, your Committee supervised the arrangements under which this portrait was painted by Mr. Thomas C. Corner and subsequently presented to the Society on October 13, 1913.

The Committee would call attention to the receipt by gift of the following: 51 volumes, 294 pamphlets, 32 magazines, 1 map.

The Society also received as donations to the Cabinet several photographs, including a view of the city of Baltimore from Fairmont; family bibles containing the Docwra, Simmons and Vonkapf family records: a large number of autograph letters and documents, badges, checks on the Bank of the United States, bearing signatures of prominent persons and one genealogical chart; also family jewelry, etc., from F. W. Story, executor of the estate of Sarah M. Bargar which originally belonged in the Docwra family.

The Library has been used by approximately 5,000 persons, who have consulted during the year approximately 40,000 volumes. 366 persons have visited the rooms as sightseers or in search of special information.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD B. MATHEWS,

Secretary of the Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The report of the Committee on Publications was read by Mr. Clayton C. Hall. The report of the Committee was as follows:

The Committee on Publications respectfully reports that the eighth volume of the *Maryland Historical Magazine* has been completed with the issue of the number for December 1912.

Dr.

Paid for copying.....	\$ 89 17
" " printing, December 1912.....	301 70
" " printing, March, June and Sept. 1913.	671 50
" " commissions	25 50
" " postage and distribution.....	96 13
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	\$ 1,184 00

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Received from sales.....	\$ 63 05
" " subscriptions	80 45
" " advertisements	159 75
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	303 25
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Debit Balance of Account, December 31, 1913....	\$880 75

In addition to the above there remained unpaid the following items:

On account for editing Volume VIII.....	\$150 00
On account for printing number for December 1913.....	187 40

Including these items the total cost of the *Magazine* is shown to have been reduced to a sum about \$200 less than that of the preceding volumes.

In accordance with the recommendation of this Committee made in its report last year the sum of \$400 was transferred from the income of the Peabody Fund to the credit of the Magazine Fund. This credit was made in accordance with the authority given to the Committee by resolution of the Society, January 3, 1867, and in compliance with the terms of Mr. Peabody's gift.

The Committee now respectfully recommends that in order to close the account on the ledger a like sum of \$400 be transferred from the credit of the Committee on Publications to the

credit of the Magazine Fund, and that the remainder of the account, \$480.75, be charged off through the general accounts of the Society; and that a resolution be adopted directing that the Magazine Account be so closed.

In order to avoid the recurrence of such delay as accompanied the issue of the *Magazine* for December 1913, the Committee has entered into a new arrangement with the printer which it is believed will ensure the prompt issue of the *Magazine* for the future.

Volume XXXIII of the Archives, comprising the Acts and Proceedings of the General Assembly from 1717 to 1720, was issued during the past year. Volume XXXIV, in which will be continued the publication of the Assembly Proceedings, is in course of preparation, and a portion of the manuscript is now in the hands of the printer.

A copy of the statement of the disposition during the past two years of the State's appropriation for the publication of the Archives, as submitted in the Society's report to the Legislature, is appended hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

CLAYTON C. HALL.

BERNARD C. STEINER.

SAMUEL K. DENNIS.

STATE OF MARYLAND ACCOUNT.

Publication of the Archives of Maryland.

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Balance on hand December 31, 1911.....	\$ 83 16
Received from State appropriation in 1912.....	2,000 00
“ “ Interest on balances in bank.....	10 02
“ “ Sales of Archives (1912).....	255 00
“ “ State appropriation in 1913.....	2,000 00
“ “ Interest on balances in bank.....	34 03
“ “ Sales of Archives and postage refunded in 1913.....	356 86
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	\$4,739.07

Dr.

Paid for Editing Volume 32.....	\$ 500 00	
" " Printing Volume 32 (522 pages).....	1,281 41	
" " Copying manuscripts (1912).....	281 58	
" " Sundries, stationery, etc.,.....	17 89	
" " Editing Volume 33.....	500 00	
" " Printing Volume 33 (662 pages).....	1,665 68	
" " Binding 250 volumes of back numbers	93 75	
" " Copying manuscript (1913).....	301 50	
" " Sundries, stationery, etc.....	20 02	
		<hr/> 4,661 83
Balance on hand December 31, 1913.....	\$ 77 24	<hr/>

The report was thereupon ordered to be filed. A motion by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Norris, was passed, providing that \$400 be transferred from the credit of the Committee on Publications to the credit of the Magazine Fund, and that the remainder of the account \$480.75, be charged off through the general accounts of the Society.

The Secretary read the report of the Committee on Finance, which was as follows:

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee begs to report that there has been no change in the securities belonging to the Society during the past fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

R. BRENT KEYSER,
Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Literary Entertainments and Addresses was also read by the Corresponding Secretary. The report was as follows:

At stated meetings of the Society papers were presented and read as follows:

- Jan. 6.—“Kent County Court, 1657-1661.” By Dr. Bernard C. Steiner, a member of the Society.
- Mar. 4.—“A Swiss Traveller in Maryland, 1816.” By Dr. John M. Vincent, a member of the Society.
- April 7.—“Reminiscences of Dr. Jacob Hall.” By Dr. J. Hall Pleasants, a member of the Society.
- May 5.—“Colonial History of Catonsville.” By Dr. George C. Keidel, a member of the Society.
- Nov. 3.—“A Voyage to Shetland via the Orkneys, 1910.” By Mr. Wm. B. Marye, a member of the Society.
- Dec. 2.—“Thoams Cresap: A Maryland Pioneer.” Mr. Lawrence C. Wroth, a member of the Society.

A. C. TRIPPE, Chairman.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

MONTHLY MEETINGS.

March 9th, 1914. The regular meeting for the month of March was held at 8.15 p. m., with President Warfield in the chair.

Messrs. Isaac H. Ford, Wilmer R. Gill, Rev. Wm. E. Starr, Richard Johnson Duvall, Richard H. Bayard and Mrs. Roberta B. Henry were elected to active membership.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Whitridge for the wax silhouette of Joseph Camp, a Maryland soldier in the War of 1812, with letters pertaining to the same.

President Warfield presented a photograph of a silhouette of George Washington and visiting cards of Mr. Macomb, Mr. Richard Yates, Miss Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Ph. Livingston, all of Philadelphia, an invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Morris to Mr. and Mrs. Miller to dine dated October 22nd, 1791 and a passport given Mr. George Miller at Charleston, 22nd of June, 1785.

The President gave an interesting account as to how he has obtained these relics while in Scotland, and read the history of the silhouette written by the owner who placed it in the old book shop for sale in the City of Edinburgh. Mr. Spencer moved

that the letter be spread upon the minutes and a vote of thanks tendered President Warfield for the collection. The letter is as follows:

"My mother and her only sister, Mrs. Gilbert Kerr of Stodrig (i. e. Kateshaw), formed a friendship at school in Edinburgh with Miss Anne Hill of Dumfries which lasted thro life and descended to me.

"She married Mr. George Miller, sent out at the close of the American War as 'Counsul General to the Southern Provinces of America,' on the onerous task of reconciling interests and tempers so opposed, that, altho successful beyond hope, the toil and harrassment of that work cut him off in the prime of his days mourned by all.

"It was in 1791 that he and Mrs. Miller made a progress thro those states and waited on 'The President' at New York, where they each received from him, or I think from his lady, a shade of himself done from an original shadow.

"I also possess a ribbon bearing in gold letters 'Long Live the President,' worn by Mrs. Miller in her headdress at a grand gala on occasion of his birthday, or also in honor of the British Consul, I am not sure which. Strange! to look at those things by the light of the present hour.

"I have also Mrs. Washington's visiting card, and a homely bit of pasteboard it is compared with the beautiful textures of the time.

"Mr. Miller came home and died at Kensington in 1795 and his lady ended her life in Edinburgh in 1831, leaving in trust to me, to burn, a wide and very valuable correspondence. Among these papers she had placed those two shades, one of which I gave to my niece, Mrs. William Jordan.

M. Wilson."

Under the heading "Reports of Committees," the Secretary read the following:

"Your Committee to audit the annual report of Mr. Heyward E. Boyce, Treasurer of the Society, met in the home of the Society on February 18, 1914, and after examining the vouchers, found them all correct; and the balance on hand as shown in the statement.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. M. Pegram,
Ruxton M. Ridgely,
Edward Ingle."

The President reported the Council had appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs. Ridgely, Duvall and Wilson, to arrange for general cleaning up of premises, etc. Also a committee of three had been appointed to consider what action the Society should take in regard to the Star Spangled Banner Celebration to be held next fall. Those appointed on this last named committee were Messrs. Hayden, Harris and Duvall.

It was announced that the Council had arranged that the Library should be kept open until 6 p. m. daily, except Sundays.

The Secretary then read the amendment to Article 7 of the Constitution which had been proposed by Mr. Clayton C. Hall, as follows:

"Amend by striking out after the word 'shall' in the 7th line, the words 'state that amendments to the Constitution will be then before the meeting for its action'—and substitute therefor the words 'include therewith a copy of the proposed amendments to the Constitution upon which action is to be taken.'"

The amendment was thereupon adopted.

The paper of the evening was then read by Dr. Bernard C. Steiner, entitled "Colonel George Talbott." The account was given in a most interesting and graphic manner. At its conclusion, General Trippe spoke in a reminiscent mood of a lec-

ture on Talbott and Talbott's Cave which had been given at the Maryland Institute between 1850 and 1860 by J. H. B. Latrobe. The thanks of the Society were tendered Dr. Steiner for his interesting paper.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Meeting of April 15, 1914.—The regular meeting for the month of April was held tonight at the home of the Society at 8.30 p. m., with President Warfield in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following were elected to active membership:

Mrs. Robert G. Hogan,
William Hugh Harris,
William B. Rayner,
Charles W. Heuisler,
John Douglass Freeman.

Following a discussion on the records of the American Colonization Society and the Maryland Colonization Society Mr. Harris offered the following motion, which was duly passed:

“That the Society have compiled a calendar of the contents of the Colonization Case and the same be submitted to the Council for consideration as to presenting duplicates to the University of Chicago.”

The report of the Special Committee on the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Society was then read and ordered spread upon the minutes.

Baltimore, Md., April 13, 1914.

To the Maryland Historical Society.

Gentlemen:—

The Special Committee appointed May 12, 1913, to which was referred for consideration and report, certain proposed amendments to the Constitution, concerning the creation of new classes of members begs leave respectfully to submit the following report.

That after mature consideration it recommends the adoption of the following amendments:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

That Section I of Article 2, of the Constitution of this Society be amended, by inserting the word "life," after the words "consist of" in the first line of said Section, so that the said Article will read, as follows:

"The Society shall consist of life, active, associate, corresponding, and honorary members."

That a new Section, to be known as Section I^a, be added to said Article 2, as follows:

"A life member shall be one who, by the contribution of a sum not less than one hundred dollars to the Endowment Fund, shall be entitled to all the privileges of an active member, and be thenceforth exempt from the payment of annual dues."

That Section I of Article 5, of the Constitution of this Society be amended, by inserting the word "life," after the words "candidates for," in the second line of said Section, so that the said Article will read as follows:

"At any stated meeting of the Society a ballot may be held for those candidates for life, active, associate or corresponding membership, whose names have been entered in the nomination book by an active member of the Society or by his written authority, and have been, by the recording Secretary, announced at a previous stated meeting."

The Committee further recommends that the consideration of the other proposed amendments be, for the present, postponed.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD H. SPENCER, *Chairman.*

A. C. TRIPPE,

MENDES COHEN,

W. HALL HARRIS,

CLAYTON C. HALL,

WM. W. PEGRAM.

The report was accepted and it was ordered that the proposed amendments be duly published.

The report of the Committee on the 1914 Celebration was read as follows:

Baltimore, April 6, 1914.

To the President and Council

of the Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore.

Gentlemen:

The Undersigned, appointed a sub-committee to consider the propriety and practicability of this Society extending to some of the persons probably visiting the city in September, 1914, the hospitality of the Society, and an opportunity to view such portions of its collections as are of interest in connection with the War of 1812, begs to report:

It recommends that an exhaustive calendar be prepared of all books, pictures, prints, maps, relics and other matter in the possession of the Society, bearing upon the War of 1812-14 and more especially upon those incidents directly connected with the City of Baltimore and State of Maryland.

That from this calendar there be selected by an appropriate committee, to be appointed by the President, those items which are susceptible and worthy of display and that during the whole of the month of September they be placed on exhibition in the Society's rooms.

That the rooms of the Society and its gallery of paintings be placed in proper condition to be visited by strangers.

That such committee as shall be placed in charge of the matter, extend invitations in the name of the Society to such persons as they shall deem worthy to receive that consideration and extend to them the privileges of the Society's rooms and gallery during their stay.

W. M. HAYDEN, *Chairman.*

RICHARD M. DUVALL.

W. HALL HARRIS.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Harris then moved:

"That the Maryland Historical Society extend its invitation to the officers, delegates, wives and friends of the General Society of the Society of the Cincinnati on their visit to Baltimore on May 13th, 14th and 15th."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Ridgely and was carried.

The President then stated that the following resolution had passed the Council and had been referred to the Society:

"Resolved, That the Council report to the Society that it has been constrained, for the preservation of the property of the Society, to incur indebtedness which it is not, at the moment, in funds to discharge, and that the Council, therefore, requests the authority of the Society to make its promissory note, by its President, or a Vice-President and its Treasurer, for an amount not exceeding one thousand dollars for one year, or less, to meet this unavoidable emergency."

The matter being put to a vote, was duly carried.

The paper of the evening was then presented by Mr. James Teackle Dennis, entitled "Recovered History from Egyptian Explorations."

NOTES

STANSBURY FAMILY.—Mr. Thomas E. Bond sends the following correction:

I note in the March issue of the *Maryland Historical Magazine* in re "Stansbury Family," p. 83. "Rebecca Stansbury, daughter of Capt. Tobias, married Thomas E. Bond."

This is an error. Rebecca married (1770) *Thomas Bond*, and had two sons, (Rev.) John W. Bond, and Thomas E. Bond who m. Christiana Birkhead.

The leading article in the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* is "Organization of the Provisional Army of the U. S. in the anticipated War with France, 1798-1800" by Dr. Carlos E. Godfrey. The Ninth Regiment of Infantry was made up principally of Marylanders most of whom were veterans of the Revolution.

In the same issue of the *Magazine* there appears a bill against William Penn, including this item:

"1735 April 17 To 2 copys of Ld. Baltimore's Petition /16"

The following unpublished Washington letter is in the possession of Miss Ada Rawlings Cresap, 219½ E. North Ave., through whose courtesy the copy was made for the *Magazine*.

Philadelphia, 12 Dec. 1781.

Sir:—

I received your favor of the 2^d inst. by Col. Thomas.

The Secretary of War Major Gen^l Lincoln under whose orders the prisoners of War now more immediately fall, convinced that a strict hand will be necessary over the British in particular, is about removing all those to Lancaster and to this City where they will be closely confined under Continental Guards. The Foreigners who are more tractable will be left in the Frontier Towns.

General Lincoln will write to you by Col. North on the subject of assisting in the removal of the British prisoners.

You will oblige me by giving every aid in your power.

I am Sir

Your most ob^t Serv^t

Col. [Moses] Rawlings.

Geo. Washington.